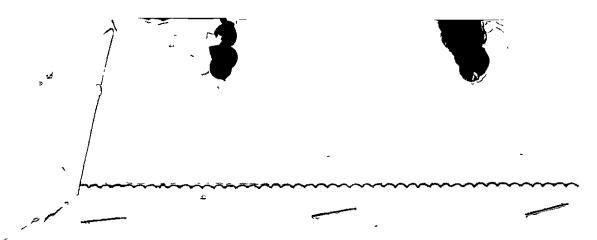


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THE NEW YORK TIMES, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1961:

Combines Looks of Lincoln With Soft-Sell Manner

twang-drawl with a college vocabulary and an carnest soft-sell manner bespeaking some years as a wholesale drug years as a wholesale drug salesman While conversing, he sucks throat lozenges plucks nervously at his fingernails

He has a ready smooth answer for practically any ques-tion put to him

Truman Story Denied

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Pugh has spoken of World War fessing unfamiliarity with its the Coast Artillery and the An He likewise professes ignor-Force, including civilian radar ance of the views of Senator training at the University of Colorado The only record the Department of Defense has for leader him shows one year of service (1943-44) in the Coast Artillery

couth be said to be both arming and disarming. He is 38 years old, of slender build and has black hair, dark being attire that give him a young-Lincolnesque appearance at times. He talks in a Missouri that he had, no opinion about pounds for animals, including the John Birch Society, whose "geriatric hormones". On the political front, he has ponds to some degree with that come up with an unusual forbein attire that give him a disclosed this week that he had support of anyone from rugged been a member of the society outdoorsmen interested in minimum and the political front, he has some degree with that come up with an unusual for outdoorsmen interested in minimum and the political front the society of the society outdoorsmen interested in minimum and the political front the society of the society outdoorsmen interested in minimum and the political front the society of the society outdoorsmen interested in minimum and the political front the political front the society of the society outdoorsmen interested in minimum and the political front the political front the society of the political front the political front the political front the political front the society of the political front the politic

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Mr DePugh considers himself men

"It has something to offer guns
for plactically everyone," Mr DePugh grew up in Inthe desert," he says, "I could

Coast Art Thief Sentenced

Survey Finds the Minutemen A Loosely Knit Organization

By GLADWIN HILL

Special to The New York Times.

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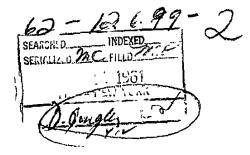
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-MINUTEMAN BAND LOOSELY SET UP

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"more than a few hundred adherents

The identities of only a handful of these-chiefly in southern! 'Califorma --have become known [A number of them are persons of questionable character and responsibility

The chief import of the movement appears to be a disorganized sample of numerous. right-wing movements dotting the country whose common denominator is "anti-communism"

Maneuvers of Minutemen have been observed only in southern Illinois and San Diego, involving no more than a few , dozen persons in each case

. The movement's leader is Robert B DePugh, 38 years old. of Norborne, Mo He says he has held "guerrilla warfare seminars" in a number of cities, in-Coluding Newark, N. J., Philadel-- phia, Columbia, Chio, Kansas · City, Mc . Omaha, Neb . and San "Antonio, Texas

Law enforcement authorities In these cities disclaim knowledge of any such meetings, and numerous other sources have ; seen no sign of them

Chicago, Decatur and Champaign. Ill, are other places where Minutemen leaders have said they have units

Usually Within the Law

Meetings studying guerrilla warfare generally do not violate the law, even if firearms, are displayed, if there is no intent of producing publis disprder. Federal and state laws throughout the country as a generality ban only possession of machine-guns

Minutement profess to be practicing for action if the country is "taken over" by an enemy and other public agencies are not functioning "Ke're only exercising our

constitutional rights of freedom to bear arms, freedom of assembly and freedom of specch," says Mr DePugh, a manufacturer of drugs and other compounds for animals

He reports a national membership of 25,000 in forty states and "all major cities," with daily progress toward a goal _of_1,000,000_by_1963____



AT A MEETING OF 'MINUTEMEN'; A collection of weapons is displayed as members of one of the group's units meet at Shiloh, Ill., for a lecture about tactics.

An organization meeting, in-yolving a mozen persons, was held in the Hilton Hotel in Denver, on Oct 8 Three weeks before there was a published report of such a meeting in Omaha But a number of other reported outcropping of the movement have proved unfounded

-Guerrilla Action Optional

The discrepancy between claims and visible evidences may be largely due to the nature of the movement, Guerrilla practice is only one of its activities, and an optional one--like in the movement

Its program embraces almost form of anti-Communist activity from preparing physic-ally for enemy occupation to disseminating right-wing litera-

The movement is open to virtually anyone unconnected with a subversive organization There are no restrictions as to age, sex or physical condition There is no formal procedure for expelling members who prove undesirable, they are simply "isolated from vital information" problemeby ostra"Even a felony record is not a bar to membership, if a per-son appears to be now a good citizen," Mr DePugh said at Los Angeles this week

Dues are optional, and there is no set program of activities The movement is divided into autonomous "bands" of no more than fifteen members, which function independently of each other and, to a great extent; of any central organization

Formerly With Militia

About half the present units. Mr. DeFugh says, were previously organized local lay militia groups that affiliated with The Minutemen Thus the group in Southern Illinois still mainin Southern minors sent maintains an identity as the Illinois Internal Security Force The San Diego segment started as Mr. Loyal Order of Mountain Men, led by a photographer of sudder film. outdoor films

Ten anonymous regional directors pass down manuals and hterature to group leaders But, Mr DePugh says, there is no 'chain of command" either upward or downward--on the theory that it is in the nature or guerrilla units to operate independently.

Secrecy of membership 15 maintained in Says, so that members—"many of them doetors, lawyers and professional Prople, and from all other walks were "-will not be embar-rassed by public "misunder-

standing' Primarily, the secrecy is to be been the Communists from building a file of prime enemies in the event of a "take-over," he also said

ne also said
"I don't even know the members' names." Mr. DePugh says
"All we ask is the name and laddress of the unit leader and this can be a pseudonym I have no way of knowing exactly how many members we have except that each group is supposed to have a minimum of five and a maximum of fifteen Sa I strike an average of eight."

Recruit by Advertisement
Recruiting, now under way
for about two years, is done initially through classified advertisements A typical one re-ceptly invited readers to "Join The Minutemen" and described

the group as organization of loyal Americans dedicated to the

preservation of both national Crusade and individual freedom Help Schwarz of Long Beach, Calif put real strength into civilian literature of such organizations, defense Pledge yourself and but concentrate mainly on their your rifle to a free America own, such as Mr DePugh's mon-for full details write "Minute-ograph, "What's Wrong With men" 613 East Alton, Independ-Communism?" ence, Mo

owns that is tenanted by a sign as young as 15 asked about The Minutemen,

affairs are largely in his hat, on the West Coast said his head, his modest home in near-by Norborne and in haison idiots There are a lot better he says he carries on with the ways of doing things" nine other founders of the movement Five of the nine have about The Minutemen movedispersed from the Independence ment included area to other parts of the country

who poined at their inivitation, mons to the principal National Mr DePugh says, provide the modest financing for their literature distribution.

The Minutemen disclaim afzation—including a number of others with titular variants on don't want any unorganized the Revolutionary War name of mobs in Arizona" Minute Men

about such other right-wing Calif movements as the John Birch Society, to which he belongs and the Christian Anti-Communist dangerous if controlled by the

ed by Dr Fred C

He says this has been dis-This is only a mailing address, tributed in mgn schools to which the state a small building Mr DePugh membership including persons

The Minutemen's centralized a member of the Birch Society

"I think these people are

Comments of public officials

Utah's National Guard Adjutant, Brig Gen Maxwell E Rich, They comprise its "executive who is organizing home-guard council," and with 350 others units following active-duty sum-

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Arizona's Civil Defense Di-

Melville Stark, civil defense Mr DePugh is non-committal director of Riverside County,

"Such groups could be very

wrong people There's no reason for them to be independent of established public agencies"

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has a policy of not acknowledging inquiries in progress, but there are indications that its branches have Minutemen activities under surveil-

Reds' Methods Suggested

A basic Minutemen tract lists alternative Communist methods of "armed invasion," "internal revolution" and "nonviolent political take-over'

"By getting secret Commu-nists and their fellow-travelers elected or appointed to high Government posts," it says, "they can promote waste, in-efficiency, delay preparations for war and turn our own for-

eign policy against us
"What do you really know
about the Congressmen from
your district? The State Senator or State Representative? Could any of these men have been indoctrinated in Communist ideology at some time in

"We must be willing to continue the fight for liberty even though we no longer have the legal support of established authority [and] prepare ourselves to take any action—no matter how brutal—that may be required to renew the protection of the United States Constitution for future generations

"We must investigate, by means of our own secret memberships, the possible infiltration of Communist sympathizers into American organizations of government, business, labor, religion or education "__

Thinks They Know Better

Asked about such intelligence operations, Mr DePugh said this

week
"We're certainly not trying to compete with the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Central Intelligence Agency But on a local basis we feel we're in a better position to know our friends and neighbors than anybody else

"A lot of people in this country are Communists without know ing it themselves'

The Minutemen movement started, Mr DePugh relates, as a result of a discussion among himself and nine friends on a duck hunt They agreed that the nation's citizens were ill pre-pared for survival in the open in the event of Communist occupation of the country

Mr DePugh has contempt for the existing Federal civil defense organization, regarding it as largely as a group of jobholders He favors citizens building inexpensive family bomb shelters' but thinks they may be useless because the Russians will use "nerxe gas and bac-teriological warfare" before nuclear bombs

Against this, he says, the organization is planning to mass, produce for its members inex-pensive "Minute masks"—plastic body-hoods with chemicalfilled breathing tubes

Mr DePugh cites justification

for the movement in President gatherings, mostly in privater Kennedy's January remark that He said one had been a group We is a nation of Minute of military reserve officers Men, cities who are not only prepared to take up arms, but of the tirre, appearing with him citizens who regard the preser-lat a news conference, and ac-

purpose of their daily life" of civil defense persons in sub-He also cites a statement of urban Anaheim the House Committee on un-American activities in 1960 that concern today that Alderman's "the American people cannot arrests would greatly harm the rely completely on this country's movement armed forces to protect themselves from Communist domination "

military aspects of communism teacher of history and English

The Minutemen came into prominence with "guerrilla war- o previous contact with Mr are" at Shiloh, in southern Illi- DePugh but was interested in nois, the week-end of Oct 20 what he had read about the twenty members at movement.

"When I found out he was in tended

Sheriff's deputies arrested The teacher said, however, Richard Albert Laughli Jr , the that he had not been compelled chief supplier of the weapons to join the movement immeand district Minutemen coordidately nator, on a fire-arms violation The nator, on a fire-arms violation The coordinator of the Anacharge This was dismissed by heim Citizens Civil Defense a magistrate on Friday Committee, Charles E Grif-

Two Leaders in Dispute

The Shiloh publicity touched "His talk was particularly off public controversy between objectionable to me. They two San Diego unit leaders seemed to be appointing guerabout their pre-eminence in rilla committees without any the California picture Their regard for constituted authorcompeting references to the ities" existence of around 2500 minutemen in California—uncor-roborated by other evidence—' apparently were the foundation for widespread reports of the organization's extent

One of the men was William F Colley, 40, free lance photographer

According to official California state records, he was convicted in 1957 on three counts of sexual molestation of young children and put on ten year's probation with the proviso that he submit to orchibotomy (removal of reproductive powers)

The other man was Don Alderman, an alias for Troy Harold Houghton, 28

According to state records, he has been in police custody fifteen times in the last eleven years, mostly in burglary cases Other charges ranged from auto violations to suspicion of rape

He was convicted in 1952 of tampering with a vehicle, and given a six-month suspended sentence In 1957 he was convicted of indecent exposure and served two months of a sixmonth sentence He was arrested on Friday on a charge of failure to report as a sex offender

In the dispute over preeminence, Colley finally yielded to "Alderman" and withdrew from public attetion

Leader in California

Mr DePugh spent last week in Los Angeles purportedly conferring with California unit

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The national Minutemen leader was invited to the Anaheim meeting by Kenneth E This was a reference to non-Holloway, a junior high school

The teacher said he had had

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fith, city personnel director, said of Mr DePugh

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SUBJECT

"THE MINUTE MEN";

INFORMATION CONCERNING

SAC FOSTER called to advise that he had been interviewed by a reporter from one of the daily newspapers regarding "The Minute Men." Apparently, there was an article in "Time" magazine of 11/3/60 (?) regarding an organization of this name. The reporter wants to interview some of "The Minute Men" who are in this area. Mr. FOSTER wants to know what we know about "The Minute Men". He wants us to review the article in "Time" magazine and he wants to know whether the Bureau has any information about this "Minute Men" organization.

He will talk to the reporter again by 3:00 PM, Tuesday, 11/7/61. He would like the information by that time.

Given to Section #41 who will handle.

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The 11/3/61 issue of "Time Magazine" (page 19) contained an article titled "The Minutemen" which described military-like exercises conducted by members of this organization in Illinois and California.

According to "Time," the participants were units of the "Minutemen," organized "in secret squads of 6, 12 or sometimes 25 men and women" and "has grown to an estimated 12,000, mostly in the Midwest and West, with a 1963 target of 1,000,000."

The purpose of this group, according to "Time," is "to be able to live off the land and fight back as guerrillas if the U. S. is invaded" and "was organized two years ago by 10 Midwestern duck hunters," one of whom was ROBERT B. DE PUGH, the current leader, operating out of a national headquarters in Independence, Mo.

The group has set up guerrilla training programs, keeps secret records of the members, trains in regard to weapons, and supplies, and family survival.

WILLIAM F. COLLEY of San Diego is the leader of 2,900 members in California. According to "Time," the California group has buried medicine, supplies and 10,000 rounds of ammunition within the State.

"Time" states: "Although some Minutemen belong to the way-right John Birch Society, the two organizations do not see eye to eye. Leader DE PUGH talked with Birch founder ROBERT WELCH,

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Re: "The Minute Men"

now recalls: "I did not find him impressive. He didn't think much of our program either. He doesn't even think the Russians have atomic weapons."

"Time" points out: "One problem...is that different units have different ideas about the organization's reason for being. DE PUGH sees the Minutemen as a combat group. He sanctions such operations as last week's Illinois exercise where everything from land mines to 20 MM. anti-tank guns were made available by a Collinsville, Illinois, member who, as an ordnance expert, is licensed to buy and sell weapons under the National Firearms Act. But others, like the San Diego Minutemen, stress survival."

The NYO indices contain no information identifiable with this group.

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On 11/6/61, advised me that he had been assigned to do a story on the above captioned organization. He stated that he was looking into it here in New York SEC 42 and would like to talk to me about it further. He called my SEC 43 attention to the 11/3/61 issue of TIME magazine.

On 11/7/61, I talked to \Box over the telephone, at which time he advised that the only information he had come up with indicating the possibility of something here in this area had come from Public Relations, who had told bim that a former official of the American Nazi Party, is Editor of a racist publication called "AMERICAN NATIONAL BOOK NEWS", P. O. Box #423, Wilkes Barre, Pa., and this publication in one issue mentioned "The Minute Men Association of Ohio". also advised that a Times representative had interviewed DEPUGH, the reputed organizer, last night, 11/6/61, in Missouri, and that their impression was that the organization does not have much direction and seems to be a rather fuzzy outfit with no particularly strong organization. Continued that the Times expects to do a couple of articles on it in the immediate future and that he thought we might be interested.

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November **6**, 1961

SAC, Albany

/ Director, FBI, (62-107261)

"MINUTEMEN" INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

(comed by R.C.)

"Minutemen" was organized in June 1960, with headquarters at 613 East Alton, Independence, Missouri. Robert B. DePugh, Noreborne, Missouri, is one of the organizers of this group. Literature distributed by this organization indicates its purpose to be the resistance and exposure of the spread of communist influence within the United States and the formation of an underground organization to combat the troops of foreign powers which might occupy this country. According to a source, the organization appears to be legitimate and has 3,000 members in 35 cities in the United States.

Los Angeles Office advised that a member of "Minutemen" made the statement that the organization is ready to take up active revolution against the United States Government "should this country be sold down the river through the United Nations." (It appears that this member may not be referring to an active revolution against the present Government of the United States but is referring to the communist form of government which would be ruling the United States "if the United Nations sells us down the river.") It is incumbent on the Bureau to be aware of the plans, aims and purposes of "Minutemen" to determine whether it becomes necessary to actively investigate it.

Each office should furnish the Bureau, 30 days after receipt of this letter, the following information to be obtained from public source data and all logical informants and sources of information; however, no active investigation should be conducted.

> (1) Identity and location of all units of "Minutemen" in your territory and identity of officers of each unit and available background data concerning each.

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- (2) Whether incorporated. If so, review of articles of incorporation.
- (3) Aims and purposes of the organization.
- (4) Any information concerning plans of "Minutemen" to overthrow the present Government of the United States.
- (5) Be alert and keep Bureau advised of any pertinent information concerning "Minutemen" particularly information indicating its activities may be encroaching on Bureau's jurisdiction or are in violation of any Federal statutes.

No active investigation should be conducted of any unit of "Minutemen" without prior Bureau approval, unless the data received pertains to a violation of a criminal statute over which the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction. In the latter event data should be submitted under the appropriate criminal caption.

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BROOKLYN 34, N. Y.

November 11, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation 201 - E. 69th Street New York, New York

Gentlemen:

There is a secret, quasi-military organization called "The Minutemen" soliciting membership on a nationwide basts. It proposes to recruit and train an anti-communist guerilla civilian army to be used within the United States in an "emergency" period.

Do you have any information regarding this organization? Is it listed by the government as subversive, fascist or as a Communist or Communist front organization?

They are located at 613 E. Alton, Independence, Mo.

Very truly yours, RTR: ms 100-145047-3 b7C 250-51323 26-187254 100-14852-125 full search 6 2-12699-5 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED · HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 01-13-2005 BY 60290

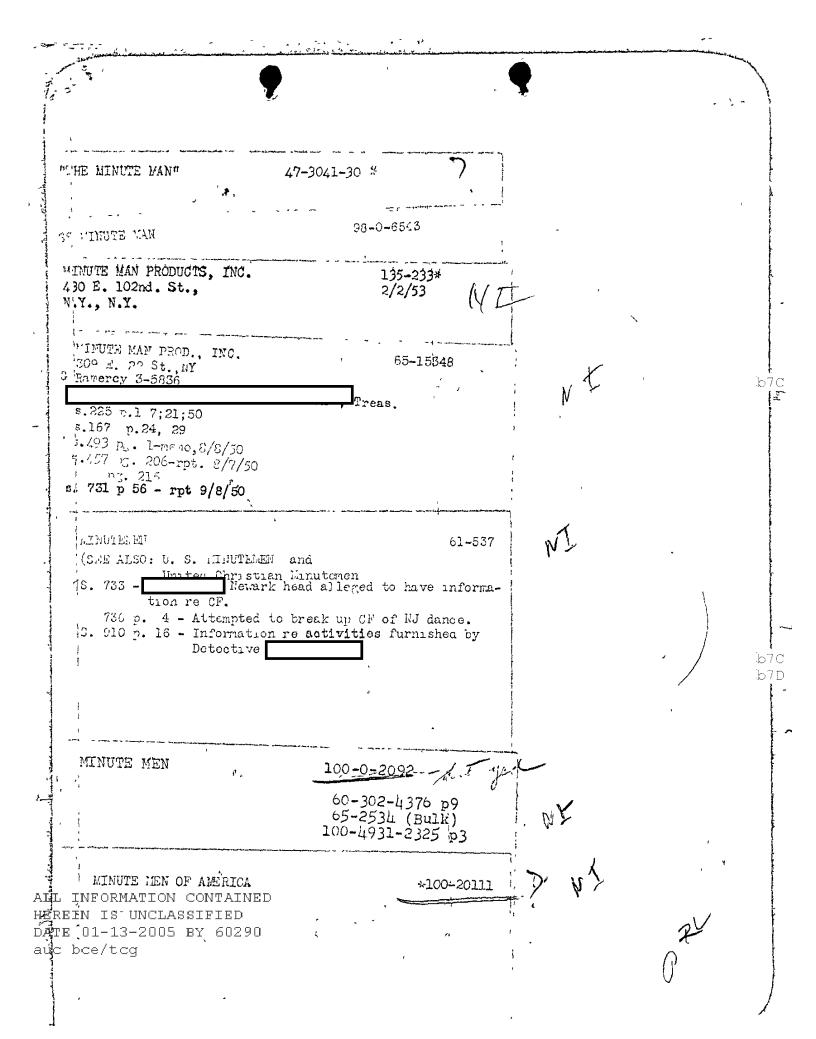
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Minutemen Guerrilla Unit Found To Be Small and Loosely Knit

By GLADWIN HILL

Special to The New York Times

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The identities of only a handoxful of these—chiefly in southern or California—have become known of number of them are persons, of questionable character and responsibility

The chief import of the movement appears to be a discorganized sample of numerous of the country whose common denominator is "anti-communism".

Maneuvers of Minutemen have been observed only in southern Illinois and San Diego, involving no more than a few dozen persons in each case. The movement's leader is Robert B DePugh, 38 years old of, Norborne, Mo, He says he has held "guerrilla warfare semi hars" in a number of cities, including Newark, N J, Philadelpina, Columbia, Ohio, Kansas City, Mo, Omaha, Neb, and San Antonia, Tex

Law enforcement authorities in these cities disclaim knowledge of any such meetings, and numerous other sources have seen no sign of them

Chicago, Decatur and Champaign, Ill, are other places where Minutemen leaders have said they have units

Usually Within the Law

Meetings studying guerrilla warfare generally do not violate the law, even if firearms are displayed, if there is no intent of producing public disporder Federal and state laws throughout the country as a generality ban only possession of workable machine-guns

Minutemen profess to be practicing for action if the country is "taken over" by an enterny and other public agencies are not functioning.

are not functioning.
"We're only exercising our
constitutional rights of freedom
tobbear arms, freedom of assembly and freedom of speech,"
says Mr DePugh, a manufacturer of drugs and other compounds for animals

He reports a national membership of 25,000 in forty states and "all major with with large progress toward a goal of 1,000,000 by 1963.

An organization meeting, inoliving a dozen persons, was keld in the Hilton There in Denver, on Oct 8 Three weeks before there was a published report of such a meeting in Omaha But a number of other reported outcloppings of the movement have proved unfounded

Guerrilla Action Optional

"The discrepancy between claims and visible evidences may be largely due to the nature of the movement Guerrilla practice is only one of its activities, and an optional one—like everything else in the movement

"Its program embraces almost every form of anti-Communist activity from preparing physically for enemy occupation to disseminating right-wing literature

ture
The movement is open to virtually anyone unconnected with a subversive organization. There are no restrictions as to age, sex or physical condition. There is no formal procedure for expelling members who prove undesirable, they are isimply "isolated from vital information" and thereby ostra-

Even a felony record is not a bar to membership, if a person appears to be now a good citizen," Mr DePugh said at Los Angeles this week

Dues are optional, and there is no set program of activities. The movement is divided into autonomous "bands" of no more than fifteen members, which function independently of each other and, to a great extent, of any central organization

. Formerly With Militia

About half the present units, Mr DePugh says, were pretiously organized local lay militia groups that affiliated with The Minitemen Thus the group in southern Illinois still maintains an identity as the Illinois Internal Security Force. The San Diego segment started as The Loyal Order of Mountain Men, led by a photographer of outdoor films

Ten anonymous regional directors pass down manuals and literature to group leaders But, Mr DePugh says, there is no "chain of command" either upward or downward—on the theory that it is in the nature 'of guerrilla units to operate in-

dependently "Secrecy of membership is main ained, he says, so that members—"many of them doctors, lawyers and professional people, and from all other walks of life"—will not be embarrassed by public """ embarrassed by public """.

Primarily, the secrecy is to event the Communists from building a file of prime enemies in the event of a "take-over," he also says

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"I star't even know the members' names," Mr DePugh says
"All we ask is the name and
Eddress of the unit leader—and
this can be a pseudonym. I
have no way of knowing exactly
how many members we have,
except that each group is supposed to have a minimum of
five and a maximum of fifteen
So I strike an average of eight"

Recruit by Advertisement

Recruiting, now under way, for about two years, is done initially through classified advertisements. A typical one recently invited readers to "Join the Minutemen" and described the group as

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Americans dedicated to the
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Mr. DePugh is non-committal. Utah's National Guard Adju-

The Minutemen's centralized Crusade headed by Dr Fred C Guard units, said affairs are largely in his hat, Schwarz of Long Beach, Calif his head, his modest home in near-by Norborne and in liaison, literature of such organizations, he says, he carries on with the but concentrate mainly on their rector, Col Ralph Redburn "We nine other founders of the move-ment Five of the nine have ograph, "What's Wrong With mobs in Arizona" dispersed from the Independence Communism?" Melville Stark, civil defense area to other parts of the He says this has been dis-country tributed in high schools to which Calif

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krantaleng inquiries in prop ress, but there are indications that its branches have Minutemen activities under surveillance

Reds' Methods Suggested

A basic Minutemen tract lists the alternative Communist methods of "armed invasion," "internal revolution" and "nonviolent political take-over "

"By getting secret Communists and their fellow-travelers elected or appointed to high Government posts," it says, "they can promote waste, inefficiency, delay preparations for war and turn our own for-

eign policy against us
"What do you really know
about the Congressmen from
your district" The State Senator
or State Representative? Could any of these men have been indoctrinated in Communist ideology at some time in their

career?
"We must be willing to continue the fight for liberty even though we no longer have the legal support of established authority [and] prepare ourselves to take any action—no matter how brutal—that may be required to renew the protection of the United States Constitu-

tion for future generations
"We must investigate, by
means of our own secret memberships, the possible infiltration
of Communist sympathizers into Ame can organizations of gov-ernment, business, labor, religion or education"

Thinks They Know Better

operations, Mr Deruga said this

week
"We're certainly not trying to compete with the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Central Intelligence Agency But on a local basis we feel we're in a better position to know our friends and neighbors than anybody else

"A lot of people in this country are Communists without know-

ing it themselves"

The Minutemen movement started, Mr DePugh relates, as a result of a discussion among himself and nine friends on a duck hunt They agreed that the nation's citizens were ill pre-pared for survival in the open in the event of Communist occupation of the country.

Mr DePugh has contempt for the existing Federal civil defense organization, regarding it as largely as a group of job-holders He favors citizens building inexpensive family bomb shelters but thinks they may be useless because the Russians will use "nerve gas and bac-teriological warfare" before nuclear bombs

Against this, he says, the organization is planning to mass produce for its members inex-pensive "Minute masks"—plastic body-hoods with chemical-filled breathing tubes Mr DePugh cites justification

for the movement in President Kennedy's January remark that

"We need a nation of Minute Men, citizens who are not only prepared to take up arms, but

He also cites a statement of House Committee the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1960 that "the American people cannot rely completely on this country's armed forces to protect them-

The Minutemen came into southern Illinois, the week-end of Oct 20 About twenty members attended

Weapons ranging from ordinary rifles to 81-mm mortars and 75-mm recoilless rifles were involved

deputies arrested public attention Sheriff's Richard Albert Lauchli Jr, the chief supplier of the weapons

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Mr DePugh spent last week San Diego

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Leader Asked to Resign

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Mr DePugh said that he was to Alderman and withdrew from investigating the police record public attention of Houghton, alias Alderman, who was airested yesterday in

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Mr DePugh spent last week However, Mr DePugh said ne was convinced that "this so-called sex charge he [Houghton] was involved in five years ago actually resulted from an accumulation of military reserve officers

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San Diego unit leaders arrest would greatly harm the and to turn over his records "so

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Minutemen's Soft-Sell Leader: Robert B. DePugh

Manner Bespeaks His Years as a Drug Salesman

Special to The New York Times LOS ANGELES, Nov 11-1 Robert Bolivar DePugh, leader of a purported movement of 25,000 latter-day "Minutemen," could be said to be both arm-ing and disarming

He is 38 years old, of slender build and has black hair, dark

eyes, a Roman nose and som-ber attire that give him a young-Lincolnesque appearance at times

He talks He talks in a Missouri twang-drawl with a college vocabulary and an earnest softsell manner bespeaking some years as a wholesale drug salesman While conversing, he sucks throat lozenges and plucks nervously at his finger-

He has a ready, smooth answer for practically any question put to him

Truman Story Demed

As a native of Independence, the John Birch Society, whose Mo, he tosses off casually that Right-Wing ideology correshis father and Harry S Truman are "good friends" and that in fact one of the former President's first jobs was workling under his father in the been a member of the society Independence City Collector's for six months, while still prooffice Mr. Truman says he never worlded in the collector's views office and does not know the likewise professes ignorished the society of the views of Senator in the society of the society of the society of the society is the society of th

office and does not know the elder Mr DePugh
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The New York Times Robert Bolivar DePugh

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compain with an angle formula—a movement inviting the support of anyone from rugged outdoorsmen interested in military maneuvers with guns to chairbound old ladies who can only write letters to Congress men

"It has something to offer for practically everyone," Mr DePugh says There are no dues, no set programs and very little organization. The principal requirement is that one be concerned about communism—whether in the form of putative invasion a half-century hence or in the form of neighbors' unwittingly aiding the-Communist line.

Mr DePugh denies any Fas cist designs and any desire to run counter to established authority. In his encouragement of amateur militiamen, he is aided by the Constitutional right of the citizenry to keep arms and by Federal and state gun laws that throughout much of the country draw the line only at possession of machine guns.

Mr DePugh grew up in Independence, where his father was a sheriff's deputy for thirty, years He took courses at the University of Missouri, Kansas State University and Washburr University in Topeka After World War II he worked for drug and other concerns in the Midwest for several years and then started his own company

He lives in a modest frame house in Norborne with his wife and five children He disclaims any religious affiliation The Minutemen idea, he

The Minutemen idea, he says, grew out of a duck-hunt-ing expedition two years ago on which he and nine friends discussed how ill-equipped most people were for outdoor sur-

Probe Bircher's Defense 'Guerillas'

San Francisco, Nov. 11-A report that the Minute Men, a self-proclaimed civil defense guerrilla band, planned to assassinate the Governor and Attorney General in case of war has been investigated and found untrue, Dep. Attv. Gen Arlo E. Smith says

division, of which he is acting leader DePugh. chief, are continuing their investigation

Robert B DePugh of Normember of the John Birch; Society.

"We don't know that they have automatic weapons but we believe that most of their statements to the press regarding membership and large caches of weapons is just talk," Smith said

Possession of machine guns and other heavy weapons by individuals is illegal in Califorma

Leader Arrested

Police in San Diego yesterday arrested Don Alderman, 29, state leader of the Minute Men He was booked on suspicion of falling to register as a sex offender and released on \$262 50 bond.

Police said they tried to question Alderman about Min ite Men activities but he denied ne was a member

Alderman attended a Los An-

Smith said officers of the geles news conference yesterday Attorney General's criminal called by national Minute Men

He Will Be Defended'

DePugh said of Alderman borne Mo, organizer of the arrest that "we will disown him." Minute Men, is a self-described if investigation shows he is guilty But if it appears he is innocent he will be defended and libel action will be instituted"

He said Alderman's wife had assured him that Alderman is innocent and that the "so called sex offense" consisted of surfbathing in a remote section of the Hollywood hilleCLIPPING FROM THE

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I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 11, 1961, in which you make certain inquiry.

While I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only.

I know you will understand the necessity for our policy in this regard and will not infer either that we do, or that we do not, have the information you requested.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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Barry Raps 'Minutemen'

Washington, Nov 19 (UPI)—
Sen Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz)
said today that the "minutemen"
groups of armed civilians which
have appeared in various places
around the country could be dangroups

gerous
Appearing on the television program Meet the Press, Goldwater was asked to comment on Pressident Kennedy's recent speeches attacking right wing extremist

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Society was not a danger because it was not in power in the government

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GREENWOOD, Miss., Nov 29 (AP)—A Mississippi Citizens (Council leader said today that several Southern communities, were forming "minutemen" organizations to meet integration attempts

Robert B. Patterson, executive secretary of the Association on Citizens Councils of Mississippi, said the groups were being formed throughout the South

sippi, said the groups ing formed throughout the South

"Their purpose is to peace-fully assemble on short notice, at any given point within their community to demonstrate a citizens protest against any invasion of our institutions," Mr Patterson said

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The groups have a communications chain with seven basic eleaders called "colonels" who telephone five "captains" who in turn call five "lieutenants".

In turn call five "lieutenants", until the entire unit is alerted Mr Patterson said the minitemen "are made up of a cross section of the finest white citizenry in each community" He said they would lend moral support to local law enforcement fofficers who might be outnumbered "by the invaders"

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A review of the indices of the NYO reflected that there was no information identifiable with captioned organization.

advised SA the Care BSS, NYCPD, that there was no information in the files of that Bureau indicating there were any units of the "IMnutemen" in the MYC area. On 11/29/61, who is familiar with extremist type organizations, advised that he had no information indicating there were units of the "Minutemen" in the NYC area. On 11/7/61, SAC H. C. FOSTER, that the only information he had indicating the possibility of some "Minutemen" organization in "this" area had come from NYCPD. In Public Relations, who had told a former official of the American Mazi Party, is

Editor of a racist publication called "American National Book Nour", PO Box #423, Uilkes-Darre, Pa., and this publication in one issue mentioned "The Minute Man Association of Ohio'.

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also advised that a Times representative had interviewed DE PUGH, the resuted organizer, on 11/6/61, in Missouri, and that their (M. Y. Times) impression was that the organization does not have much direction and seems to be a rather "fuzzy" outfit with no particular strong organization.

The "NY Times" issue of 11/5/61, on page 96, carried the following announcement, "Join the Minutemen, an organization of loyal Americans dedicated to the preservation of both national and individual freedom. Help put real strength into civilian defense. Pledge yourself and your rifle to a free America. For full details, write 'Minutemen', 613 E. Alton, Independence, No."

However, there is no information indicating there have been any units of the "Minutemen" incorporated in the NYC area.

The aims and purposes of the organization are as follows:

The 11/3/61, issue of "Time Magazine", page 19, states that the purpose of this group (Minutemen) is "to be able to live off the land and fight back as guerrillas, if the US is invaded".

The "Ny Times" neuspaper issue of 11/12/61, page 1, states that "While guerrilla warfare training is its foremost stated alm, the movement is essentially a catch-all group for persons with unfilled enthusiasus for almost anything from military drilling to spying on their neighbors".

The article further on states "The chief import of the movement appears to be a disorganized sample of numerous right-uing movements dotting the country, whose common denominator is anti-Communism".

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There is no information available to the NYO either from its sources or public source material that the "Minutemen" have any plans to overthrow the present government of the US.

The aforementioned article of the "My Times" issue of 11/12/61, quoting a Minutemen tract, states "We must investigate, by means of our own secret memberships, the possible infiltration of Communist sympathizers into American organizations of government, business, labor, religion or education. Assed about such intelligence operations Mr. DE PUGH said this week: "We certainly are not trying to compete with the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Central Intelligence Agency. But on a local basis we feel we're in a better position to know our frends and neighbors than anybody clse".

The Bureau will be kept advised of any information concerning the "Minutemen" encroaching on the Eureau's jurisdication or violations of any Federal Statutes.



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"M INUTEMEN" ROBERT BOLIVAR DEPUGH: bce/tcg

On November 29, 1961, Robert Bolivar DePugh telephonically contacted the Kansas City Office of the FBI and advised that one of the members of the Minutemen (an investigator for one of the congressional committees, which he declined to identify) had informed him that a number of individuals, who are Communists or Communist sympathizers, have started a movement to infiltrate the news and radio media in an effort to stage a campaign to discourage conservative movements, and to embarrass the United States internationally. He identified two such people as Full Name Unknown (FNU) who are with CBS. He related these two individuals are to be in Norborne, Missouri November 30, 1961 to interview him on matters relating to the Minutemen.

DePugh informed he has been contacted on two occasions by representatives of the British Broadcasting Company who desire to make a film of the Minutemen training program. He related he has been informed by a source they desire to make the film so it can be slanted to reflect that the people in the U.S. are on the verge of revolt. According to DePugh, the representatives of the British Broadcasting Company have offered to fly equipment any place in the U. S. in order to make the film but have indicated a desire to film one of the Florida groups.

DePugh said a group of approximately 100 former KKK members in Florida have formed an organization called Minutemen and as far as he can tell have disassociated themselves with the KKK. He believes they are loyal Americans therefore has allowed them to affiliate with his organization and permits this group to use his letterhead stationery and program. He stated there is another group in Florida headed by a member of the Minutemen who are in his opinion over enthusiastic in regard to the Cuban situation and often speak of invading Cuba. He related he has told this group to forget this line of thought the U. S. Government could handle the situation and the services

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were needed, the government would seek their cooperation. He stated that the head of this group took it upon himself to affiliate this group with his, DePugh's, organization. He stated this is the group that the British Broadcasting Company desired to make films of.

In regard to DePugh states he understands there itinerary after leaving Norborne, Missouri consists of the following interview:

Head of the Christian Crusade (a very anti-Communist group), Tulsa, Oklahoma.

founder of the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, Los Angeles.

head of National Indignation Conference, Dallas, Texas.

Robert Welsh, founder, John Birch Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

DePugh states it is his understanding these two men, after interviewing all of the above people, will write an article attempting to interweave the various groups

picturing them as ultra rightwing, semi-Nazi.

DePugh concluded by stating he has been informed that and representatives of the British Broadcasting Company recently met in New York and he is of the opinion that although they represent different companies they are actually working together. He stated he has decided not to furnish these individuals any information or to allow filming of any of the Minutemen's training program.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting information furnished by ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH on 11/29/61 to SA One copy of the letterhead memorandum is enclosed for information of each office receiving this communication.

As reflected in enclosure, DE PUGH declined to identify any of his sources or the Congressional Committee he mentioned.

During the course of the conversation, DE PUGH made an inquiry as to whether or not he should consent to an interview with CBS Representatives. He was informed the Bureau would make no recommendation or suggestions, that any decision he made would be of his own choosing.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO: All Minutemen FROM: Bob DePugh

This letter is being sent to all the members of our organization known to me as well as to a good many other people with whom I have corresponded about our organization. I hope all squad leaders will read this to their respective groups and then pass it on so that the greatest possible percentage of our membership can have the full facts as soon as possible.

As-most of you have read our security measures broke down completely regarding our recent seminar at Shiloh, Illinois. This apparently occurred when one of the secretaries in my office was given two lists of people to contact regarding membership in the organization and mistakenly sent a copy to each person on the list. So far as I know there were only two people on this list who were not members or who were not vouched for previously by members. They are being checked on now and the papers have cooperated so far in not mentioning too many names.

Once newspaper reporters and other people learned of the meeting I had to make a spur of the moment decision. Perhaps it was right and perhaps it was wrong but at the time it seemed best to give a true statement regarding the purposes and actions of our organization and something of our plans rather than to have the news media report rumors and suppositions.

I have been referred to in the papers as the "National Leader" of the Minutemen. As you all know our organization is much too loosely knit for any one person to hold such a definite title. I can only hope that our members do not gain the impression that this was intentional on my part or that I have attempted to gain personal publicity. Those of you who know me will, I'm sure realize that such is not the case. Most people can hardly imagine a group of people working for a common end without a "leader". If the newspapers require titles I would suggest National Coordinator and Regional Coordinators.

This publicity can be very good or very bad depending on our own actions now and in the future. If we have the courage of our convictions and see this thing through I think we can gain the respect of the general public. If we start making excuses for the existence of our organization people are certainly going to assume that our motives are something to be ashamed of.

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The circumstances regarding the Shiloh Seminar were such as to strongly indicate that someone was purposely trying to break this meeting up. I had a little impromptu debate with the "Justice of the Peace" that seemed to be the instigator of the trouble. He certainly talked the communist line. The state police came and left quietly and courteously. The sheriff and his deputies, however, spent all day talking and walking around in the meeting hall in such a way as to make continuation of the meeting almost impossible. Their cars were parked most of the day in front of the meeting hall and caused many members to drive on past rather than coming on in.

It is going to be necessary for each of us to conduct both our organizational and personal affairs in a manner above reproach. If we give the communists and their socialist dupes the least cause for criticism they are sure to take instant advantage of it. The various facts regarding both our general organization and the Shiloh meeting have been misquoted and misconstrued by the news media. I'm sending the wire services and several individual papers a request that they correct certain facts as they have been reported.

We must remember that our organization has no legal status except for our constitutional rights as private citizens. We have no authority to act in such a way that it could be construed as raising a private army. The original "Minutemen" were essentially a democratic rather than an autocratic organization. Other groups or individuals who have affiliated themselves with us or who cooperate through a mutual exchange of information have "joined" in this endeavor with full knowledge of the requirements of the original ten members. It is not the desire nor the intention of the Executive Council to directly control the activities of any group or squad. To do so would be unwise legally as well as being contrary to the proven strategy and techniques of guerrilla warfare.

The fact that some of our members have been making monthly financial donations may be a possible source of trouble. In the past we have insisted that these contributions be made with cash. Any checks or money orders which I have received are still in my possession and so far as I know most of the other members of the Executive Council have not cashed any checks or money orders which have been sent to them. This insistence upon cash has not been due to any desire to avoid a financial accounting or to receive money which could not be traced to us. As many of you realize nearly all banks nowadays keep a photographic record of all checks which they handle. If we did receive checks from our members and cashed them it might at some future time be possible for an enemy to obtain from the bank records a list of the names of a sizeable percentage of our members.

This handling of money implies a certain degree of control and a certain degree of leadership. For tax purposes some type of records have to be kept. And someone has to file an income tax report covering these records. The only way we can see that this can be done is for the individual group leaders such as myself to treat their participation in the Minutemen as a business and file a Schedule C Form in addition to their personal income tax report. In these records it will only be necessary to show the source of this money as coming from membership dues and nothing else need be given except the members number. If we incorporated as some members have suggested the various records and legal documents required would be much more revealing to a potential enemy.

So far the cost of maintaining our headquarters including secretarial, printing and mimeographing and postage expense has amounted to several hundred dollars more than the total amount taken in as contributions from our members. If we are to continue to serve in the future (as we have in the past) as a transfer point for correspondence between our various affiliated groups we will have to continue to receive a limited amount of financial support from our members.

As soon as possible, however, we intend to develop a system whereby most of the money contributed by our members is delivered directly to the band leader in their area and used to meet the expenses of local groups. This means, however, that we will have to curtail to a large degree the distribution of books, literature and other material which we have done in the past. Under this new system we will merely provide our affiliated groups with lists of recommended reading material and the source from which they can be purchased.

Speaking for the Executive Council I hope that the individual bands will keep up this work to the greatest possible extent. Some loss of efficiency is inevitable. We feel, however, that this is absolutely necessary to prevent further centralization of "authority" within our organization.

I personally will remain active in the organization to the full extent of my ability. It does mean that those of you who are really sincere in your beliefs will have to work that much harder.

Quotation from the 1960 Annual Report of the Committee on Un-American Activities

"Events of the past year have provided convincing evidence that the American people cannot rely completely on this country's armed forces to protect themselves from Communist domination and slavery. This is not because our military forces lack the power or the will to defend this country, but rather because the nature of the attacks being made on the United States by its major and only significant enemy are so designed as to render conventional military forces as ineffective as possible for defense purposes.

"The Armed Forces of the United States are trained and equipped to directly engage and defeat the military forces of this country's enemies on the field of battle, on the high seas, undersea, and in the air. They have no role or, at best, a relatively insignificant one in nonmilitary, unconventional, or political warfare. In these fields of warfare, it is the civilian government and population that must bear the major part of the burden of waging both defensive and offensive operations against the attacks of the enemy.

"Rioting, mob violence, and other disturbances have registered significant gains for world communism and a corresponding weakening in the free world's position Civilian-clothed mobs were Moscow's weapon in these battles which resulted in Communist advances.

"Communist power has grown on the home front, as well as in foreign lands. The Communist Party has not only recruited additional members but many unwitting assistants. Such enemy forces cannot be defeated with military weapons.

"The masters in the Kremlin have thrown a direct challenge to every citizen of this country to come to the defense of the United States by serving as combatants in this unconventional warfare.

"This battle is being waged not only on the floor of the Congress, in the conference rooms of the State Department, and in foreign lands, but also on the streets of New York and St. Louis, in high schools and colleges throughout the country, in political campaigns, in the press -- in practically every phase of American life.

"In the past, the American people have never backed away from a challenge to their continued existence as free men. Such challenges in the past, however, have been purely military in nature and relatively easy to perceive. The present challenge is disguised and primarily nonmilitary in nature.

"For this reason, it is a greater and more dangerous challenge than any the American people have faced before. It will require study, dedication, intelligence, patriotism on the part of millions of Americans to meet it successfully."

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- 2 To resist and expose the spread of communist influence and propaganda within our own national boundaries.
- 3 To investigate, by means of our own secret memberships, the possible infiltration of communist sympathizers into American organizations of government, business, labor, religion and education
- 4. To detect and expose waste, corruption or disloyalty in any American enterprise or activity that might subvert the defense effort
- 5 To resist by all legal means the passage of laws which regulate the private ownership of firearms or which detract from the individual's ability to defend his own family and personal property.
- 6 To promote knowledge and skill in the use of arms by our own members and by the general public
- 7 To form in advance of actual need a secret underground organization equipped to spy upon, harrass and destroy troops of any foreign power that might occupy United States territory.
- 8 To extend this organization, wherever possible into other nations besieged by the threat of communist expansion or subversion.
- 9 To lend assistance and support of such kinds as our own government cannot officially extend to underground organizations now operating in Cuba and other communist occupied nations
- 10 To pursue these programs as private citizens motivated only by patriotism and to remain entirely free of government subsidies or control.

We realize, of course, that many people will consider us alarmists. Others will think we are engaging in an activity that is the perogative of the federal government. We respect the right of other people to hold opinions divergent to our own. We trust that they in turn will respect our right to the opinions set forth in this brochure.

If you agree with these ideas and would like to cooperate in this activity, write for further information. Minutemen, 613 East Alton Street, Independence, Missouri

JOIN THE

"Minutemen"

An organization of loyal Americans dedicated to the preservation of both national and individual freedom

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In these times only the uninformed or the very naive would deny that the American way of life is severely threatened. From without our national freedom is threatened by the armed might of expanding communism. Within our own nation individual freedom is threatened by "creeping socialism" that no longer creeps but runs.

Shortly after taking office President Kennedy said "Today we need a nation of Minutemencitizens who are not only prepared to take up arms but citizens who regard the preservation of freedom as a basic purpose of their daily life and who are willing consciously to work and sacrifice for that freedom". These words most accurately describe the philosophy and purpose of this organization.

It is unfortunate that the government's own activities in this field have not been more fruitful. In a recent article titled "Civil Defense Billion Dollar Boondoggle" Senator Stephen Young of Ohio has presented the shocking facts of "poor planning, confused thinking and colossal ineptitude" in the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization which has "since 1951 squandered over one billion dollars of taxpayers' money" plus millions more in government property which has simply "disappeared"

"Of the appropriated funds," says Senator Young, "60 percent is siphoned off for salaries and expenses, some of it to political hacks and defeated officeholders for whom the OCDM has become a convenient and comfortable haven. More than 40 percent of the personnel of this agency draw salaries of \$10,000 00 a year or more." About all the public has in tangible results are warning sirens used so often for tests that a real alert would be ignored by most people.

We agree with Senator Young that "Americans are tired of schemes to provide identification bracelets for teen-agers to exchange, of millions of contradictory pamphlets, of highly publicized bomb shelter proposals, of policemen loafing on civil-defense duties, waiting for a bomb to drop, while many of our city streets are unsafe after dark"

It is easy to see why most Americans have shied away from the government's civil-defense program. It is the American tradition to stand up and fight. It is not in keeping with this tradition to ask Americans to dig holes to hide in

or to abandon their homes and flee helter-skel-

In April, 1961, President Kennedy stated-further "Unless individual Americans plan to protect their own families the most ambitious and carefully organized plans of the government will prove inadequate" That is exactly what we plan to do!

One lesson which the communists obviously learned from World War II is that the only effective "civil defense" action is by secret "underground" or 'resistance" groups. An organization such as the OCDM whose membership lists are public knowledge would be rendered immediately useless by an enemy occupation.

This is the reason why membership in the "Minutemen" is secret. To limit penetration by non-members this organization is divided into small groups which operate with minimum contact with other groups

We feel that in the event of a third world war there is a very good chance that atomic weapons may not be used at all. As with poison gas during World War II a "stand off" may occur with neither side wishing to use atomic bombs for fear of reprisal in kind. The history of warfare shows that new weapons are almost always used when one power has (or thinks it has) a decided superiority in that particular type of weapon. On this basis we might assume that Biological and Chemical Warfare presents a greater menace to the United States than the over publicized atom.

Should war occur between the free world and the communists we may be certain that infiltration, subversion and sabotage — at which the communists are proving most adept — will be used by them extensively. It is this type of warfale against which the "Minutemen" are making themselves prepared

We are making good use of the proven miltary axiom that the best defense is a good offense. The bomb shelters which we are building are not merely holes to hide in. Each one is being well camouflaged, stocked and fortified to serve as a "center of resistance" for a future underground army

More specifically the program of the "Minutemen" is as follows

1 To prepare the means of personal defense and survival in case of enemy attack

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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND: By DREW PEARSON How the 'Minutemen

Spend Their Time

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 — A secret meeting of the inutemen took place in the National Guard armory near the UCLA campus in Los Angeles the other day in which a plan was outlined to defend the United States from occu-

pation by the United Nations.
"They'll have big smiling
Swedes and Irish and Italians
occupying us, like in the Congo," Minuteman the Minuteman commander warned about 40 armed "patriots" gathered secretly in one part of the armory

The Minutemen are a group of volunteers, described by their national commander, Robert De Pugh, as "men who will crawl out of holes as a hard knit combat outfit" trained for guerrilla war "if the bomb falls."

In southern California these grass-roots guerrillas claim to have a strength of 2,000 men, each with a rifle and 100 rounds of ammunition, and 800/ with nachine guns

The first California commander of the Minutemen, Troy Houghton, alias Troy Boyle and Troy Epick, was picked up for failing to register for a sex of-fense, while the San Diego commander, William Colley, was arrested for indecent exposure.

At the recent meeting near UCLA campus, the Minutemen's commander was introduced only as "Jack," apparently to protect his identity. This column, however, can report in detail exactly what was said.

AFTER A hair-raising warn, ing that the United States was in grave danger of being taken over, commander Jack bellowed

"How will this take over come? I won't go into the conspiracy and the group within our government that are doing away with the Constitution. You are aware of that or you wouldn't be here.

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"There are many ways they could do it.

"The UN is one of the ways. All the power that we're giving to the UN. Our counterintelligence units report large numbers of Chinese Communist troops in Baja, California and on the Mexican mainland There are several hundred thousand of these crack shock troops Of course, if they invaded they wouldn't get very far, maybe only up to Long Beach One American is worth ten Chinks.

"But the UN would declare an act of overt aggression and would come in and occupy us. They'd do away with our Constitution and put in new laws—like their mental health laws Do you know about mental health laws? They can arrest you and then they'll give you a shot that'll make you a schizophrenic and then they'll try you and find you insane.

"There are lots of guys, some-

times whole blocks, who have bought rifles and plan to stand in the doorway and shoot. That's no good. When the man is killed, his wife'll still be ravaged—raped. And his property pillaged. We want to train people to survive.

"The Congo shows what can happen. The UN crushed Tshombe The UN can be anywhere in the world in a flash

"Read the UN charter," exhorted commander Jack to his patriots. "That filthy rag! You know it was written by our friend Alger Hiss, a convicted Communist. Did you know the California constitution was

changed and amended in line with the UN charter? It used to be like the U S. Constitution, with a few minor changes. Now it's like the UN charter
"Did you know that you can

"Did you know that you can be arrested for speaking against the UN on the street corner and you'll be tried by the world court? It's in the UN charter. read it!

"Kennedy has more power than any other president has ever had If he wants to do anything he just issues an executive order. Even if it's against the will of the people."

Such are the men who say

Such are the men who say they will save the United States in case of atomic war.

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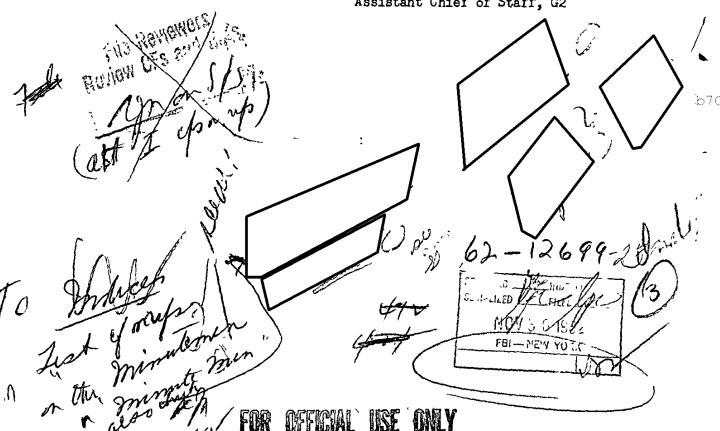
The inclosed Agent Report with inclosures is being forwarded as a matter of possible interest to your office.

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In October, 1961, Minutonen received publicity in Ct. Louis nesspapers and subsequently in Life Magazine for maneuvers in which they engaged near Collinsville, Illinois. Information received by the St. Louis Division indicates Minutomen planned to train personnel in the use of firearms and explosives which would be used for a last Citch stand equinst the Communists should the United States be invaded by hussia or one of its allies.

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Attached herewith for the St. Louis Office is a printed membership application form of captioned organization, as well as a booklet entitled, "Principles of Guerrilla Warfare", published by Minutemen, P.O. Box 68, Norborne, Missouri, which was furnished to SA EDWARD H. MADDEN on 12/31/63, by who has furnished reliable information in the past.

This is being forwarded to your office since you are office of origin in above captioned matter.

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To: SAC, Albany

From: Director, FBI (62-107261)

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ReBulet 11/6/61 to Albany, copies to all continental offices, setting forth background information concerning "Linutemen" and instructing that certain information be developed concerning all units of "Minutemen" and their officers and instructing that the field remain alert to the activities of this organization to determine whether its activities are in violation of any statutes over which the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction.

Information received from the field indicates that members of the "Minutemen" have been purchasing arms and ammunition for possible use in carrying out the stated objective of the organization, namely, the overthrow of the U.S. Government in the event it comes under communist control. In view of this each office should immediately commence an active investigation to determine:

1. The identity and location of all units of "Minutemen" in your territory and the identity of the officers of each unit and available background data concerning each officer as well as the principal active members of each unit.

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- Identity of all members of each unit who have been engaged in purchasing arms and ammunition for use in carrying out the stated objective of the organization.
 - 3. Whether any of the individual members through their activities in this group and in purchasing arms and ammunition pose a threat to the life of the President and other public officials. If so, their names, addresses and pertinent background information should be furnished to the local office of Secret Service.
 - 4. The present aims and purposes of the organization and any information concerning plans of "Minutemen" to overthrow the present Government of the United States.
 - Whether the activities of the organization and/or its members are in violation of any Federal statutes over which the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction and, if so, what action has been taken or is being taken regarding the specific violation.

This matter must be afforded expeditious handling and each office should submit a report setting forth the desired information in report form within 30 days of the date of this airtel. Seven copies of each report should be furnished the Bureau and where appropriate dissemination should be made to local intelligence agencies, including Secret Service.

Any information developed indicating violations of local laws or which would be pertinent to local law enforcement agencies should be furnished such agencies provided such dissemination would not compromise any of our informants.

Kansas City is being designated office of origin as the organization's headquarters is in Norborne, Missouri. Lansas City, as office of origin, should closely follow and streetise the investigation of this matter; however, each office wall be responsible for the full development of the desired information in the territory covered by that office.

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The initial investigative report from each office should include any pertinent information presently contained in your files concerning this organization and its members.

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Congressman Asks 'Hate' Threat Probe

A Texas Congressman has complained to the Justice Depithat he and 19 other Congress-

men—including four New Yorkers—have been threatened by a right wing hate group

Rep Henry Gonzales, a Democrat from San Antonio, said in a letter to Attorney General Kennedy that "a thinly veiled threat" was made in a publica tion put out by The Minutemen

Quoting the March 15, 1933, issue of the publication "On Target," Gonzales said it contained these words

"Traitors beware Even now the cross-hairs are on the backs of your necks."

Asking Kennedy to investigate the group, Gonzales said the threat was directed against 20 Democrats who voted last year against increasing the operating funds for the House Un American Activities Commune

On the second page of the publication—according to a copy righted Houston Post story quoting Gonzales last night—there was a black bordered box headed "In Memoriam" containing the names of the 20 Congressmen

Included on the list were James Roosevelt of California and William Fitts Ryan, Abraham Multer, Leonard Farbstein and Benjamin Rosenthal, all of

New York City.
"In the light of recent developments," Gonzales reportedly wrote Kennedy, "I have become decidedly more sensative about some of the hate material that is so widely distributed."

The black-bordered box, he said, was introduced with the words "Here, then, are the Judases who seem willing not only to sell out their country for thirty pieces of silver but to go on record and brag about it"

He said the publication also claimed there is a "plot to distarm our nation by turning control of our armed forces over to the United Nations"

He said the publication is issued twice monthly by "Minute men, P O. Box 68, Norborne, Mo." with a subscription rate of \$5 a year

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Lawmaker Tells Of Implied Threat

Associated Press

HOUSTON, Jan 16—The Houston Post quotes United States Rep Henry Gonzales (D, Tex) as saying a "thinly veiled threat" has been made against him and 19 other Democratic congressmen in a publication

The Post said in a copyright ed story from Washington that Gonzalez asked Attorney General Robert F Kennedy to investigate a group he identified as the Minutemen He said a copy of the group's publication On Target contains the threat

In his letter to Kennedy, the San Antomo Congressmen said: "In the light of recent developments I have become decidedly more sensitive about some of the hate material that is so widely distributed"

The newspaper said Gon zales referred to the death of President John F Kennedy and the claying of the man accused of assassinating him

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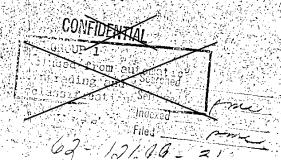
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Justice Department Asked To-Investigate Minutemen

WASHINGTON, Jan 16
(UPI) Rep Henry B Gonzalez, Democrat of Texas, has asked Attorney Gen Robert F Kennedy to authorize a Department of Justice investigation of an organization called the Mir Gonzalez wrote the letter Jan 10, and so far has not received a reply, he said today He told Mir Kennedy that he had, become "decidedly more sensitive" about hate literature in the "light of recent events" He enclosed examples from the Minutemen's publication, On Target The said that an article in the hagazine carried "a thinly veiled threat against me and my other colleagues who voted against the increased House Un-American Activities Committee

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Rep Henry B Gonzalez (D. Tex) asked Chief Justice Earl Warren today to see if "there is any relation ship between the Minutemen or g a nization and Piesident Kennedy's assassination In a letter to Warren, Gon-Falez said he was among 20 Congressmen C on glessmen Gonzalez Hated in the Gonzalez Winutemen's publication "On Taiget" last March 15 under the heading "In Memoriam" "A leading of this publication," Gonalez Said, "indicates the Minsutemen heartily endoise the uses of a variety of weapons, from pistols to poison to taiget lifles, in the pursuit of their goals"

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John Emery Blumer was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on January 22, 1964. He, at first, asserted that he is not a member of "Minutemen", adding that there are no members. Later in the interview, he conceded that applications for membership had been widely distributed and that he was affiliated with the organization. He said no one bears a leadership title in the St. Louis area. He asserted that recruiting is done by talking to friends and relatives who can be trusted. They are urged to acquire firearms and ammunition. In order to secure training they are further urged to join gun clubs. Blumer stated "Minutemen" has no training program as such, although written directives are distributed to their group.

Blumer stated that the major concern of "Minutemen" lies in the possibility that communists may assume control of the United States. It is not felt this will be done by invasion, but rather via an internal upheaval. He pointed to the way communists allegedly are taking advantage of the current racial situation. He said that he could foresee a situation where the Muslims, the fanatical Negro group, might start rioting, and the communists would then direct it. He said that since communists have sympathizers in the major communications media, this could be the beginning of a great uprising. He asserted that under such conditions, "Minutemen" might then muster its forces to assist in repelling this crisis.

Elumer stated that "Minutemen" have no cache of arms anywhere, so far as he knows. Instead, individual members keep weapons and ammunition of their own choosing in their own residences.

Blumer went on to say that he feels the various branches of Government are infiltrated with communists, and other officials are either too soft on communism or busy with paper work to

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combat this influence. He feels that the present administration of President Johnson is "soft on communism", and this is a continuation of the policies of the Hennedy regime. He pointed to former President Kennedy's communistion of the sentence of Junius Scales, convicted communist from North Carolina, as an example of this softness.

micerably in helping anti-communist forces fight Fidel Castro in Cuba. Furthermore, the United States gave no support to the insurgent forces trying to fight communism in the Hungarian uprising. As a matter of fact, the United States even thwarted efforts of these forces to get anti-tank guns which they needed

He then went on to say that he feels the greatest problem, however, is the general apathy of the American people toward the problem of communist control. As an example of this apathy and general lack of coordination, he pointed to the bunker located in St. Louis County by the Civil Defense authorities, in which a reserve communications system is contained. This would be operated under certain emergency conditions. Blumer contacted a number of farmers and small businessmen who reside in the area, and they agreed to volunteer to take special know how to start it up. Blumer took the group to the County ever; nothing was done after that to train this group.

When asked how "Minutemen" will be mustered in an emergency, he said that any underground has its own system of communications. No one knows the identity of all other participants for security reasons. He would not comment further.

Plumor denied that "Minutemen" are storing grenades or dynamite. He said that even though he hates communism, he would certainly not take any physical action against its leaders. He conceded knowing that Gus Hall, General Secretary of the CP, USA, was in St. Louis on Jamuary 11, 1964, and had been in Kansas City, Missouri, the preceding day. He said that while certainly not be sorry to see Hall "knocked off", he would certainly not take any action along this line, nor knew of anyone in his organization who would do so. He asserted that

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any good done by such action would be outwelghed by other consequences. He further said that neither he nor any of his fellow "Minutemen" have ever planned to take physical action against any governmental officials, either elected or appointed, in order to achieve their aims.

Blumer stated he feels the FBI is the last bulwark against communism, although he feels the Communist Party had undoubtedly tried to infiltrate it.

The following description was obtained of Elumer by interrogation and observation:

Name John Emery Blumer Address 138 Manchester Road, Ballwin, /Missouri Tolophone EA 7-0340 Race White : Чея_ lale Reight Weight 170 pounds Hair_ Brown Eves Brown January 21, 1935 St. Louis, Missons Place of birth Marital status forried to Children/ Two, ages 33 years and six months Militery service : Right years, Sea Bees Reserves, St. Louis, Masouri, ending July 18, 1961. Attached to Division 920, Serial Number N2746443 Education Graduate of Clayton High School, Clayton, Missouri Arrests States arrested July, 1953, by Kirkwood, Missouri, Police Department on suspicion and relleaned. Teeth Good Complexion Ruddy Occupation Construction foreman Employer Robert M. Hoffmeier Construction Company, 13201 Thornhill, Town and Country, Missouri (St. Louis County)

January 23, 1964

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AIR MAIL

TO: : DIRECTOR, PDI (62-107261)

DRON: SAO, St. Louis (100-18627) - 1

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Re Bureau teletype dated 1/21/64.

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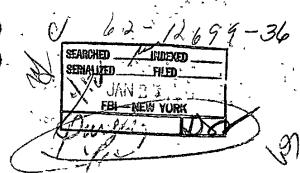
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JOHN EVERY HAMER was interviewed by SAS RICHARD BOYD SHITH end WALTER A. HILOSHDORF. His attitude was guarded, but generally friendly. He was clearly evasive in enswering cortain questions.

The results of this interview are boing furnished by separate communication to Secret Service, St. Louis, Missouri.

BLUMER was approached as suggested by the Eurecu on the promise that the FHI is charged with the responsibility of investigating communism and other subversive activities, and that brochures issued by "Himutemen" indicated it, too, proposes to investigate communism. BLUMER immediately agreed there was a change of "locking howns", stating they might expose an apparent communist who, in fact, might be an FHI source. ELUMER was advised of the FHI's jurisdiction in criminal matters, including the interstate transportation of explosives.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM.
SAC (62-12699)

DATE: 1/24/64

FROM

TO

SA DANIEL J. QUIGLEY (412)

SUBJECT:

"MINUTEMEN"

INFORMATION CONCERNING

(INTERNAL SECURITY) (00: KANSAS CITY) BUDED 2/17/64

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A report in this master must be submisted to reach 2/7/64. All leads should be covered by

By Bureau letter dated 1/16/64 to all continental offices, the Bureau advised "Information received from the field indicates that members of the 'Minutemen' nave been purchasing arms and ammunition for possible use in carrying out the stated objective of the organization, namely, the communist control. In view of this, each office should immediately commence an active investigation to determine:

Hallus John Jan.

Minutemen' in your territory and the identity of the officers of each unit and available background data concerning each officer as well as the principal active members of each unit.

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- "2. Identity of all members of each unit who have been engaged in purchasing arms and ammunition for use in carrying out the stated objective of the organization.
- 3. Whether any of the individual members through their activities in this group and in purchasing arms and ammunition pose a threat to the life of the President and other public officials. If so, their names, addresses and pertinent background information should be furnished to the local office of Secret Service.
- 4. The present aims and purposes of the organization and any information concerning plans of 'Minutemen' to overthrow the present Government of the United States.
- 5. Whether the activities of the organization and/or its members are in violation of any Federal statutes over which the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction and, if so, what action has been taken or is being taken regarding the specific violation."

ROBERT B. DE PUGH is the national head of the "Minutemen", headquarters at Norborne, Missouri.

LEADS

ALL RESIDENT AGENCIES

- 1. Contact appropriate state police, county police and city police headquarters for any information re "Minutemen".
- 2. Contact prominent arms dealers for any information they may have concerning formation of "Minutemen" units.
- 3. Contact county commanders of American Legion for any information re formation of "Minutemen" units and identify leaders.

SA RAY KOPP - SA

Contact G-2, ONI, OSE for any information re

SAS HANDLING SECURITY INFORMANTS

Contact sources for any information re the

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

To SAC, NEW YORK, (62-12699)

DATE 17/28/6

FROM

SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-18627)

SUBJECT: MINUTEMEN .

INFORMATION CONCERNING (SECURITY MATTER)

Re New York letter 1/15/64.

Inasmuch as Kansas City Origin instant case, a copy of relet and the enclosures are being forwarded are being retained by St. Louis.

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MINUTEMEN CLEARED -OF ANTI-U.S. ACTIONS

WASHINGTON, Feb 3 (AP) -Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy has found there is no evidence that the anti-Communist Minutemen organization has violated any Federal laws

Mr Kennedy's opinion came in a letter to Representative Henry B Gonzalez, Democrat of Texas, who had asked for an investigation of the Minutemen,

investigation of the Minutemen, an organization that trains its members with arms.

Mr Gonzalez made public Mr.

Kennedy's reply today

Mr Gonzalez said he was not satisfied with the Attorney General's reply and would ask himagain to investigate the Minutemen.

Mr Kennedy, in his letter, is said that the Justice Depart-to ment "will continue to study's this matter" to see whether any prosecutions are possible fif Mr Gonzales remarked fif want them to have their study finished before the shoot-, 2 ing starts"

study finished before the shoot-aing starts."

The Representative, in his original call for an inquiry, said that the Minutemen, in a publication, had issued "a thinly veiled threat against me and my other colleagues who voted against the increased House Committee on Un-American Activities appropriation."

Robert Depugh of Norborne, Mo, head of the Minutemen; who operates an animal serum.

who operates an animal serum plant, said he had undergones; extensive investigation since

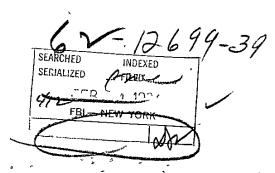
"Since then I have been in-1 "Since then I have been in-3: vestigated extensively by their linternal Revenue Service," her said "I have been interviewed dozens of times by the FBI I've had almost continuous in-vestigation by the Food and Drug Administration A large! part of my mail has come to "... part of my mail has come to me opened and then resealed with the Government's censor sticker"

"So, if Robert Kennedy can't find anything that we've done allegally," he said, "it certainly if the latest tries and the hatmost tries are the hatmost tries."

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OFT ONAL FORM NO. 10 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MemorandumTO DAIL 2/7/64 SAC, NEWYORK (62-12699) July Wading FROM SA LOWELL W. BARTON SUBJECT "MINUTEMEN" INFORMATION CONCERNING INTERNAL SECURI DUTC HESS The following individuals were contacted by SAS LOWELL W. BARTON or! HEINZ H. EISELE on the dates indicated. All were made aware of the possible existence of the above MINUTEMEN" group and their objectives. All advised they could furnish no information soncerning the group and they had no knowledge of any members, but would advise the FBI in the event something of pertinence came to their attention:) amust. DONALD RICE, Commander, Lafayette Post, American Legion, Poughkeepsie, New York, on 2/3/64. Chief JOHN L. MARTIN, Jr., Poughkeepsie, New York Police Department, on 2/3/64. Chief VINCENT SMITH, Town of Poughkeepsie, New York Police Department, on 2/3/64. Lieutenant Area Zone Commander, and Senior Investigator New York State Police, b7C Fishkill, New York, on 2/4/64. Sheriff LAWRENCE QUINLAN, Dutchess County, Poughkeepsie, New York on 2/5/64. EDWIN STOLL, County Commander, Dutchess County American Legion, Poughkeepsie, New York, on 2/5/64. Senior Investigator and Investigator New York State Police, Rhinebeck, New York on 2/5/64. Chief SAMUEL WOOD and Detective Lieutenant Beacon, New York Police Department on 2/5/64. b7C JOHN FURST, Commander, Putnam County American Legion, RD #4, Brewster, New York, on 2/6/64. INDEXED (PREO C HALIZED IBI - NEW YORK

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Chief FRANK BAILEY, Town of Carmel Police Department, on 2/6/64.

Investigator and Acting Sheriff, Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Carmel, New York, on 2/6/64.

Chief JOHN SULLIVAN, Hudson, New York Police Department, on 2/7/64.

Sheriff DEWEY LAWRENCE, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Hudson, New York, on 2/7/64.

Investigator New York State Police, Claverack, New York, on 2/7/64.

CALVIN POST, 3rd District Commander, American Legion, Columbia County, Hillsdale, New York, on 2/7/64.

It is noted there are no "prominent" arms dealers in Putnam, Dutchess or Columbia Counties, New York other than sporting goods and hardware stores.

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TO

SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699)

DATE 2/12/64

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SUBJECT

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Information Concerning
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Rememo of SA DANIEL J. QUIGLEY, 1/24/64.

At Staten 1 sland, N.Y.

On 1/31/64, Lieutenant Borough Head-quarters, NYCPD, S.I. advised that while he has heard of an organization called the "Minutemen", it has only been from contact bit with the news media. He stated that he has no personal knowledge of such an organization and no information that any chapter of the organization exists on Staten Island.

On 1/31/64, Mr. FRANK A. CAPELL, 56 Bay Street, S.I. advised that he is the editor and publisher of "The Herald of Freedom". He stated that this publication is printed bi-weekly and is devoted to fighting communism. CAPELL advised that he is on mailing lists of various "right wing" publications and that he has read issues of "On Target", which is the official publication of the "Minutemen" organization. He stated that he has never subscribed to this publication, but from time to time, has received free copies in the mail.

CAPELL stated that from his knowledge of the organization, it was formed about 3 to 4 years ago with the idea of training citizens in the event of a national emergency or invasion by a foreign power. He advised that the idea is evidently to have a trained "militia" of a civilian nature, available in the event the Police and "ational Guard are unable to defend the homes of the citizens against invasion.

CAPELL advised that the organization seems to have its strength in the mid-west and has an appeal to rural type areas. He stated that to his knowledge, chapters of the organization are rarities in the big cities of the East. CAPELL stated that to his knowledge there is no chapter of the organization on Staten sland.

On 2/12/64
County Commander, American Legion of Richmond County, INSIGNIS ed SERIALIZED. 1934
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that he has heard of the "Minutemen" organization but that his knowledge is limited to having read about the organization about one year ago in the newspapers. He stated that he has no information that a chapter of the organization exists on Staten island, and feels that because of his nosition with the American Legion and his close contact with Legionaires, he would have knowledge of such chapter if it did exists.

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TO

SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699)

DATE 2/13/64

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FROM

SA JOHN V. GRIFFIN

SUBJECT

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"MINUTEMAN"

INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re memo of SA Daniel Quigley, 1/24/64.

On the dates indicated the following Police Officials
County were contacted with negative results regarding

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Jun.	1/29/64	Lt. Lt.	N.C.P.D.	
	1/30/64	Commissioner James	Kelly, NCPD	
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	2/4/64	Capt.	Hempstead P.D.	
	2/5/64	Chief Raymond Sick	les, Kensington P.D.	
	2/5/64	Lt. Gre	at Neck Estates P.D.	
	2/6/64	Chief Philip Maick	le, Floral Park P.D.	
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	On 2/13/64, Shop, 116 Mineola, Blvd. the Minuteman but has no ammunition to anyone. He Minuteman units.	t sold any large su	pply of guns or	Ъ7C
	On 2/13/64, Gun Shop, 198 2nd St. M same information as	ineola. NY furnishe	the Mydis Corp. d substantially the	b7C
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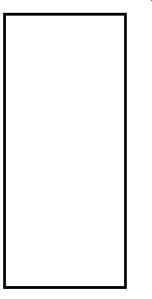
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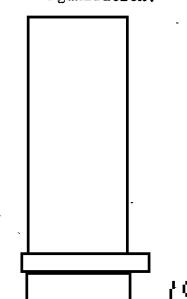
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The following sources were contacted during January and February, 1964 and they advised that they had no information concerning captioned organization:





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Since the NYO is not aware of the extent of investigation already conducted by those offices receiving copies of this report, no leads are being set out for those

It is being left to the discretion of those offices receiving copies of this report whether or not investigation.

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At New York, New York

Will conduct additional investigation to determine if there are members and/or units of the "Minutemen" within the NY Division.

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Report of

DANIEL J. QUIGLEY February 17, 1964

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"MINUTEMEN"

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INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

Synopsis.

An article in the 11/12/61 issue of "The New York Times" states ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH of Norborne, Missouri leader of a purported 25,000 "Minutemen". The principal prerequisite for membership is that one be concerned about Communism. A survey conducted by "The New York Times" reported the "Minutemen" as a very loose federation of small units whose lack of structure casts doubt on its potential for growth. DE PUGH has said he has held guerrilla warfare seminars in a number of cities, including Newark, Philadelphia, Columbia, Ohio, Kansas City and San Antonio, Texas. Chicago, Decatur and Champaign, Illinois, are other places where "Minutemen" leaders have said they have units. Officers, stated aims and objectives of organization set forth. Results of investigation to determine NY units of the "Minutemen" set forth

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I. NA TIONAL ORGANIZATION

A. Origin

The November 12, 1961 issue of "The New York Times" carried an article entitled, "Minutemen Chief: Robert B. DePugh". The article stated that "Robert Bolivar DePugh, leader of 25,000 latter-day "Minutemen" could be said to be both arming and disarming.

The article described DePugh as a native of Independence, Missouri, a vereran of one years military service from 1943 to 1944 in the Coast Artillery at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Owner of the Biolab Corp. of Norborne, Missouri.

The article states, "On the political front, he, (DePugh), has come up with an unusual furmula a movement inviting the support of anyone from rugged outdoorsmen interested in military maneuvers with guns to chairbound old ladies who can only write letters to Congressmen."

"It has something to offer for practically everyone," Mr. DePugh says. There are no dues, no set programs and very little organization. The principal prerequisite is that one be concerned about communism whether in the form of putative invasion a half century hence or in the form of neighbors unwittingly aiding the communist line".

The article stated that DePugh lives in Norborne, Missouri, with his wife and five children.

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The "Minutemen" idea, he, (DePugh), says, grew out of a duck hunting expedition two years ago on which he and nine friends discussed how ill-equipped most people were for outdoor survival.

B. .Scope

The November 12, 1961, issue of "The New York Times", also carried an article entitled "Survey Finds the Minutemen' A Locsely Knit Organization". The article in part stated, "The New York Times" has made a nationwide survey to find out the character and extent of the movement. The principal findings based on reports from all sections of the country are:

"The 'Minutemen' is not an organization in an ordinary sense. It is a very loose federation of small units whose lack of structure casts doubt on its potential for growth."

"...the movement is essentially a catch-all group for persons with unfilled enthusiasms for almost anything from military drilling to spying on their neighbors".

"Its supposed strength is based on uncorroborated claims. Responsible authorities throughout most of the country are unaware of any 'Minutemen' activity. Intensive investigation has confirmed the existence of no more than a few hundred adherents."

"The identities of only a few handful of these chiefly in southern California have become known.

"Manuvers of 'Minutemen' have been observed only in southern Illinois and San Diego, involving no more than a few dozen persons in each case.

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The article stated that "Chicago, Decatur and Champaign, Illinois, are other places where 'Minutemen' leaders have said they have units.

General Activities

The November 12, 1961 issue of "The New YorkTimes" in the latter aforementioned article states that recruiting for the "Minutemen" is done initially through classified advertisements.

The November 5, 1961 issue of "The New York Times" on page 96, in the classified section carried the following advertisement. "Join the 'Minutemen', an organization of loyal Americans dedicated to the preservation of both national and individual freedom. Help put real strength into civilian defense. Pledge yourself and your rifle to a free America. For full details write, 'Minutemen , 613 E. Alton, Independence, Missouri".

latter The November 12, 1961/article in "The New York Times", states"the 'Minutemen's centralized affairs are largely in his, (DePughs) hat, his head, his modest home in near-by Norborne and in liaison, he says, he carries on with the nine other founders of the movement. Five of the nine have dispersed from the Independence area to other parts of the country."

"They comprise its executive council, and with 350 others who joined at their invitation Mr. DePugh says, provide the modest financing for their literature distribution."

The above article further on states "We ('Minutemen') must investigate by means of our own secret memberships, the possible infiltration of communist sympathizers into American organizations of government, business, labor, religion or education."

On January 27, 1964, the ONI, Third Naval District, 90 Church Street, New York City, made available to SA a memorandum dated February 19, 1963 from the $-5.7 {
m C}$ Director of Naval Intelligence, Washington, DC, to all Naval Districts.

The following information was furnished by a former member of the "Minutemen" to the District Intelligence Office, Fifth Naval District.

"This source advised that shortly after he contacted Robert DePugh of Independence, Missouri, the national leader of the Minutemen, he received an application form and various pieces of literature from a bio-chemical laboratory in Independence. This

literature reportedly consisted largely of allegations of communist infiltration of U.S. Government offices. Somewhat later, the source received a letter listing pistols, rifles, and artillery of Swedish manufacture which could be purchased through an arms dealer in Chicago, Illinois. Other literature contained articles critical of U.S. foreign policy and indicated that the locations of Minutemen units are not divulged for security reasons. According to this source, several of the letters he has received from the Minutemen have requested financial assistance.

"Literature provided source by the Minutemen reportedly claimed membership in the organization of approximately 600,000, a figure more than twenty times as large as that given by DePugh|himself in the not too distant past. Members receiving this literature were requested to recruit persons with special skills for 'bands', the term used to designate local groups of members. Additional information reportedly given by this material was that many servicemen were members (it was mentioned that such members 'would know what to do without direct leadership'), and that no regular meetings were held at the 'band' level, presumably for security reasons and also because leadership and direction were reportedly exencised by 'top leaders' meeting secretly and then disseminating literature to The Minutemen have reportedly prepared a subordinates. handbook for guerillas, certain chapters of which have been condensed and explained elsewhere in the organization's literature. This handbook, which has chapter titles such as 'Booby Traps', 'First Aid,' 'Survival,' and 'Arms', can be purchased at the rate of \$2.00 per chapter. According to the source, the Minutemen are attempting to affiliate themselves with the 'American Freedom Movement,' possibly a reference to the American Freedom Rallies.

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"In connection with the American Freedom Rallies, the records of the Office of Naval Intelligence indicate that, on 10 September 1962, Robert DePugh advised that the Minutemen and the National Indignation Convention, with the cooperation of the John Birch Society, were responsible for the establishment of the national headquarters of the American Freedom Rallies in Kansas City, Misscuri. DePugh reportedly stated that the objectives of the organization were to organize standing relly committees throughout the nation, to develop a communications network by which these committees could be alerted to take quick, coordinated action, and to hold a series of simultaneous meetings in hundreds of cities and towns throughout the United States...to protest treasonous acts in or by the government of the United States.

"The Minutemen have recently distributed a new, bi-weekly publication, 'On Target', in the New England area, according to a report from the District Intelligence Office, First Naval District. The self-proclaimed purpose of 'On Target' is to 'identify by name, address and phone number the thousands of Communist traitors who are even now working to sell out their own country to the enemy'. This publication reportedly recommends infiltration as a tactic to combat communism, and states that in future issues it will give specific suggestions for infiltrating 'The Enemy Camp's.

II. OFFICERS

The November 12, 1961, article from "The New York Times" mention the following as leaders of the "Minutemen".

Robert B. DePugh, Leader and Founder, RICHARD ALBERT LAUGHLI &., Shilo , Illinois, WILLIAM F. COLLEY, San Diego, California, TROY HAROLD HOUGH DN also known as Don Alderman, San Diego, California.

III. STATED ARMS AND OBJECTIVES

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The brochure is entitled "Join the 'Minutemen'", and states it is An organization of loyal Americans dedicated to the preservation of both national and individual freedom." The brochure bears the address 613 East Alton, Independence, Missouri.

The brochure states as follows:

"In these times only the uninformed or the very naive would deny that the American way of life is severly threatened. From without our national freedom is threatened by the armed might of expanding communism. Within our own nation individual freedom is threatened by creeping, socialism that no longer creeps but runs.

Shortly after taking office President Kennedy said: Today we need a nation of Minutemen-citizens who are not only prepared to take up arms but citizens who regard the preservation of freedom as a basic purpose of their daily life and who are willing consciously to work an sacrifice for that freedom. These words most accurately describe the philosophy and purpose of this organization.

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IV. INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS TO DETERMINE NEW YORK UNITS OF THE "MINUTEMEN"

On January 28, 1964, NY T-1 advised that he subscribes to "On Target" the official publication of the "Minutemen". He advised that to his knowledge there are no units of the "Minutemen" in New York City. He also stated that he has never been approached or requested to join the "Minutemen" and has no knowledge of any individual members of the "Minutemen" in New York City.

He stated that the "Minutemen" have two Post Office Boxes as follows: Post Office Box, 68, Norborne, Missouri Post Office Box, 5394, San Diego, California.

Bureau of Special Services (BSS)

On January 28, 1964, Detective

BSS, New York City Police Department, advised that there is no information in the files of that Bureau indicating that there are any units of the "Minutemen" established in New York City, nor had that Bureau any information concerning persons who were individual members of the "Minutemen".

Informant Check

Confidential sources were contacted during January and February, 1964 and they advised that they had no information concerning the formation of "Minutemen" units within the New York City area, nor had they any information concerning persons who were individual members of the "Minutemen".

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G-2, First United States Army Governors Island, New York

On January 27, 1964, Major AR HUR DE JESS, advised SA RAYMOND J. KOPP, that there was no information in the files of that agency reflecting the formation of "Minutemen" units in New York City. He also advised there was no information concerning any individual memberships in the "Minutemen" from New York City.

Office of Special Investigations (OSI)
Second District, United States Air Force
111 East 16th Street, New York City

On January 29, 1964, SA RAYMOND J. KOPP was advised by Major MARTAN MANDELL, OSI, that there was no information in the files of that agency concerning the foundation of any "Minutemen" units in New York City, nor was there any information reflecting membership by individuals in the "Minutemen" from New York City.

The following gun dealers in New York City were contacted by SA DANIEL J. QUIGLEY on the dates indicated and they advised that they had no information concerning the "Minutemen" of the formation of "Minutemen" units in New York City nor members thereof:

February 11, 1964

Globe Firearms
30 Front Street, Eew York City

February 11, 1964

Solomon Sporting Goods Company, Inc.
79 Chambers Street, New York City

Manager
John and Al Sporting Goods
112 Chambers Street, New York City.

February 11, 1964

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ZM Military Research Company 154 Nassau Street, New York City

146 Park Row, New York City

Dutchess County

The following individuals were contacted by SAS LOWELL W. BARTON and HEINZ H. EISELE on the dates indicated. All were made aware of the possible existence of the "Minutemen" group and their objectives. All advised they could furnish no information concerning the group and they had no knowledge of any members.

DNALD RICE, Commander, Lafayette Post, American Legion, Poughkeepsie, New York, on February 3, 1964.

Chief JOHN L. MARTIN, Jr., Poughkeepsie, New York. Police Department, on February 3, 1964.

Chief VINCENT SMITH, Town of Poughkeepsie, New York Police Department on February 3, 1964.

Lieutenant Area Zone Commander and Senior Investigator J. WESLEY NCLAN, New York State Police, Fishkill, New York, on February 4, 1964.

Sheriff LAWRENCE QUINLAN, Dutchess County, Poughkeepsie, New York, on February 5, 1964.

EDWIN S DLL, County Commander, Dutchess County, American Legion, Poughkeepsie, New York, on February 5, 1964.

Senior Investigator and Investigator New York State Police, Rhinebeck, New York, on February 5, 1964.

Chief SAMUEL WOOD and Detective Lieutenant

Beacon, New York Police

Department on February 5, 1964.

JOHN FURST, Commander, Putnam County American Legion RD 4, Brewster, New York, on February 6, 1964.

Chief FRANK BAILEY, Town of Carmel Police Department, on February 6, 1964.

, Investigator and Acting Sheriff, Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Carmel, New York, on February 6, 1964.

Chief DHN SULLIVAN, Hudson, New York Police Department, on February 7, 1964.

Sheriff DEWEY LAWRENCE, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Hudson, New York, on February 7, 1964.

Investigator New York State
Police, Claverack, New York, on February 7,1964.

CALVIN POST, Third District Commander, American Legion, Columbia County, Hillsdale, New York, on February 7, 1964. b7C

Nassau County

The following individuals in Nassau County were contacted on the dates indicated by SA JOHN V. GRIFFIN and they advised that they had no information concerning the "Minutemen":

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January 29, 1964 L'ieutenant L'ieutenant Nassau County Police Department January 30, 1964 Commissioner JAMES P. KELLY Nassau County Police Department February 4, 1964 Chief LLOYD SLADE Rockville Center Captain Hempstead Police Department February 4, 1964 Chief RAYMOND SICKLES Kënsington Police Department Lieutenant February 4, 1964 Great Neck Estate Police Department February 6, 1964 Chief PHILLIP MAICKLE Floral Park Police Department February 4, 1964 Lieutenant Identification Division Nässau County Police Department February 13, 1964 Nimrod Gun Shop 116 Mineola Boulevard Mineola, New York February 13, 1964

Midas Corp. Gun Shop 198 Second Street Minecla, New York

February 13, 1964

Mr. DNAL DONAVAN Nassau County Commander American Legion

Orange and Rockland Counties

The following individuals were contacted on the dates indicated by SA None of these individuals or their agencies had any information concerning the "Minutemen" or individual members of the "Minutemen".

February 10, 1964

Lieutenant
Troop K, New York State
Police Department
Investigator
Troop K, BCI, New York State
Police Department

February 5, 1964

Deputy Chief
Newburgh, New York

February 14, 1964

Chief LAWRENCE MANION Haverstraw, New York Police Department

February 14, 1964

Chief JUSTIN KANEY
Nyack, New York State
Police Department

. February 12, 1964

Chief EDWARD CULLINAN Port Jervis, New York Police Department

February 14, 1964

Mr. LEROY WILSON
District Commander, American
Legion, Newburgh, New York

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Attomney DSEPH BALSAMA Suffern, New York Former Adjutant American Legion, Rockland County b7C

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Mr. JOHN GRECO Nyack, New York Commander American Legion Rockland County b7C nyack, New bork American Legion Chief Warrant Officer United States Military Academy, West Point, New York FRANK JONES Operator in Charge, Rockland County Police Department Radion Station, New City, New York Chief ADAM KRANIAK Spring Valley, New York Police Department Chief JOSEPH VILORD Suffern, New York Police Department Chief RUSSELL ADGATE Middletown, New York Police Department Chief HORACE KATCHEN Goshen, New York Police Department Undersheriff Rockland County Nanuet, New York b7C

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Mail order gun business

Mail order gun business.

Bullville, New York

Richmond County (Staten Island, New York)

The following individuals were contacted by SA on the dates indicated. They advised they had no information concerning the "Minutemen" or formation of any "Minutemen" units on Staten Island:

January 31, 1964

Elieutenant
Base Headquarters,
New York City Police Department,
Staten Island

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February 12, 1964

Mr. JEROME NEUBERGER, 350 St. Marks Place County Commander American Legion

On January 31, 1964, Mr. FRANK CAPELL, Editor and Publisher of the "Herald of Freedom", Staten Island, NewYork, advised that he is aware of the "Minutemen" but has no knowledge of any "Minutemen" units on Staten Island. He advised that he has read several copies of "On Target," self-described as the official publication of the "Minutemen", which he has received through the mails and believes it would be a rarity for any of the large eastern cities to have "Minutemen" units.

He stated that he is familiar with "rightist" type organizations and feels certain that if there were any "Minutemen" units on Staten Island he would know about them.

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Suffolk -County

On February 12, 1964, Detective Sargent Intelligence Unit, Suffolk County O'CONNOR.

Detective advised there was no information in the files of the Suffolk County Police Department indicating there were any members or units of the "Minutemen" in Suffolk County, New York.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York February 17, 1964

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"Minutemen"

Information Concerning
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is made to the report of Special
Agent Daniel J. Quigley dated and captioned as above
at New York.

All sources mentioned have furnished reliable information in the past.

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THE NEW YORK DIVISION

AT KATONAH, NEW YORK

Will identify the owner of |Healys Grocery and after securing background data, consider interviewing the owner re the shipment of 81 mm shells and black powder intercepted by the St. Louis Police Department October, 1963. (This information furnished New York Division by letter October 17, 1963.)

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THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will identify the owner of S. Riekes Grocery Company, 413 Grand Street, and consider interview of this individual re the shipment of 81 mm shells and black powder intercepted by the St. Louis Police Department in October, 1963. (This information furnished Kansas City by letter October 17, 1963.) Will identify holder of and consider interview. THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION	.b7
AT VENICE, ILLINOIS	
Will identify the owner or owners of Green Tree Farms, as well as the holder of Post Office Box 7. This address was alleged by JOHN EMERY BLUMER to be a mail drop for "Minutemen".	
THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION	
AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	
Will locate and interview Road, who in early 1962 was appointed Finance Officer for the St. Louis area by	b7
Will maintain contact with re activities of "Minutemen".	
ADMINISTRATIVE:	,
Details re and threats of violence made by him have been previously forwarded the Bureau and Secret Service, St. Louis, Missouri.	lb7D
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SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF

February 20, 1964

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"MINUTEMEN"

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INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

JOHN EMERY BLUMER, 29, residing Ballwin, Mo., reportedly Regional Teater St. Louis, Mo., area. He Succeeded when latter resigned position October, 1902. Estimated membership St. Louis area is 25. In January, 1964, BLUMER stated major concern of "Minutemen" is that Communists may assume control of USA by internal upheaval; asserted various branches of government are infiltrated by Communists and the administration is "soft on Communism". Purther stated in event of uprising "Minutemen" may muster its forces and assist in repelling the enemy. Declared members must secure own guns and ammunition. "Minutemen" reportedly divided into small bands and members have limited knowledge re identity of others. Source stated there have been three guerrilla warfare training sessions during past year. Flier "Join the Manutemen" lists program which includes "to prepare the means of personal defense and survival in case of enemy attack" and "to investigate by means of our own secret membership the possible infiltration of Communist sympathizers into American organizations of government, business, labor, religion and education".

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

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, Illinois, advised SAs RICHARD T.	1 ~ ~
HRADSKY and WALTER A. HILGENDORF that about five years before	b70
ROBERT B. DePUGH of Norborne, Missouri, became interested in	b7D
forming an organization which would be trained in guerrilla	
warfare. Such a group would be able to fight for the defense	
of the United States should it be invaded. Sometime thereafter	
eight or nine men, who were friends and fellow duck hunters of	
De PUGH and whose identities are unknown talked	
over the possibilities of such an organization. All felt the	
necessity for organizing, but disagreed as to the method. Some	
felt the organization should be secret, but DePUGH felt it should	
be openly publicized. However, he felt it should be set up	
felt the organization should be secret, but DePUGH felt it should be openly publicized. However, he felt it should be set up into small separate groups with the identity of members of one	
group unknown to those in another. He reasoned that such a	
practice would be necessary for the security of the individual	
member should the USA be invaded.	
Accordingly, De PUGH set up "Minutemen" and has traveled	
about the country in an effort to get it going. said	b7C
he did not know the extent to which the original group of men	b7D
participated in developing the organization.	
further said that before he became acquainted	
with tried to organize an anti-Communist	
group Illinois area, but little was	
accomplished. After establishing contact with DePUGH in May	1 70
tried to set up a division of "Minutemen" in the	.b70
area. He first used the name	Ъ7 D
rather than just "Minutemen" because he was	
under the impression there was a group using the latter name	
in Chicago, Illinois. He said, however, that subsequently he	
used only the name "Minutemen".	
On October 31, 1961, Industrial	
Consultant, Fullerton Building, St. Louis, Wissouri, furnisher	
Consultant, Fullerton Building, St. Louis, Missouri, furnished a two page brochure concerning the organization of "Minutemen"	
It asserts the present organization of "Minutemen" held its	b7C
first meeting June 16, 1960, ten individuals were present and	
all had long been interested in our craft and target shooting	

At the first meeting it was decided that this group would meet regularly every other weekend to study military tactics, practice self-defense, and exchange information on subjects that would assist in personal survival should there be an enemy invasion or atomic attack. At subsequent meetings a uniform type of survival kit was agreed upon and each member obtained one. The first group purchased a tract of land "some 50 miles from the city where it was organized" where marksmanship is now practiced as well as the use of explosives and other weapons of guerrilla warfare. For over a year, three full days have been spent each month building a well fortified, carefully camouflaged bomb shelter.

The brochure goes on to say that "the pathetic failure of the anti-communist Cuban invasion and the disgraceful part played by our Government in that failure prompted us to start expanding the Minutemen into a national organization. By having each of the ten original members write to friends or relatives in other areas we now have members in 35 major cities (July, 1961) and many rural locations". The brochure further states that headquarters have been set up in Independence, Missouri (613 East Alton Avenue). Records are kept so that they can be destroyed instantly if in danger of being captured.

On January 18, 1964, SL T-1 advised that "Minutemen" in the Greater St. Louis, Missouri area was distributing to prospective members a brochure titled "A Short History of the Minutemen". This too states that in June, 1960, a group of ten sportsmen in Missouri while building duck blinds discussed what they would do if the Russians were to invade this country. One of the group commented that Americans should know a little about defending themselves if there were a war which degenerated to a "last ditch stand". The group then began to study the problem seriously. They found, for example, that in the 17 previous years Communists had succeeded in taking over 17 sovereign nations. Only one of these was taken by military conquest. The other 16 were lost to Communism by internal subversion or negotiation. A six month study project was there begun by the ten sportsmen. The brochure states, "We also began infiltrating various left-wing organizations to see what makes them effective". Later on there was a four day meeting at which the group concluded that our diplomatic was against Communism had been lost by "bunglers or traitors in

U. S. Army.

ž + = our government"; that a diplomatic war against Communism abroad cannot be won until a genuinely pro-American government is established at home; that a pro-American government cannot be established by "normal political means". The brochure states that in this respect "our conclusions differ from those of most conservative movements". It further states "there has not been one Presidential election since World War II where the American public has had an opportunity to vote for a real American". The brochure goes on to state that all or the media of mass communication are effectively controlled "by the enemy" and furthermore the minority groups, controlled labor unions and corrupt political machines monopolize the American political Therefore the pamphlet says "the objectives of the Minutemen are to abandon wasteful, useless efforts and begin immediately to prepare for the day when Americans will once again fight in the streets for their lives and their liberty". The brochure states that history offers many examples of far larger and better equipped armies that were finally defeated by guerrillas.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

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De PUGH of Norborne, Missouri, and	d that the organization was
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USA is invaded by Communists or	there is a Communist uprising.
stated it was	hoped the organization would
be national in scope and stated	that the group was sponsoring
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insisted "Minu	temen" is a strictly patrictic
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for example an invasion, it could be invaluable in defense of the USA. He further said it was contemplated their activities in such an emergency would be under the command of the regula-

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On September 29, 1961, advised that "Minutemen" did hold a meeting at the American Legion Hall the night before as scheduled. Approximately 18 individuals were present and the principal speaker was ROBERT B. DePUGH, who was introduced to as head of "Minutemen". During his formal speech, DePUGH said "Minutemen" was formed to combat Communism in the USA. He said the organization is nationwide and is divided into units. Members of the units receive training in the use of firearms so that if the USA is invaded by Russia, they will be capable of engaging in guerrilla warfare.

On October 31, 1961, furnished a six page memorandum titled "Important Notice to all Minutemen". This memorandum states the original members of "Minutemen" just completed a two day meeting at which the organization's program was reviewed, problems discussed and plans for the future aired. There was considerable discussion as to the ways and means "Minutemen" can be effective. The communication states, "No doubt many people are inclined to laugh at such an organization. It might be asked just what good a bunch of amateurs could do after the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines had been defeated". Continuing, the memorandum states there is good reason to believe that "Minutemen" could under some circumstances render the United States invaluable aid.

It goes on to define three possible ways in which Communists could conceivably get control of the United States. First there is "direct military attack". If this occurred, there would be vigorous activity by secret agents of the Communists who would attempt to confuse our citizens by spreading riots and strikes. Such individuals would also send valuable military data to the enemy regarding the strength and location of United States forces. Such agents would attempt to control police stations, telephone offices. radio and communications centers and also attempt to contaminate water systems and disrupt power supply to major cities. The memorandum then states that "Minutemen" are well acquainted in their own territories and would be best able to recognize "By guarding the essential utilities, potential subversives. intercepting saboteurs or spies, the Minutemen could render direct assistance to the regular flighting forces".

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The second possible way Communists might gain control of the United States Government is described as "rioting and revolution from within". Concerning this, the memorandum states it is not at all impossible that our Government could succumb to internal revolution in which the rioters were armed with nothing more than stones and clubs. The article asserts, "A group of determined and well trained Minutemen able to mix inconspicuously with such mobs, surround and silence the communist agitators leading them, would be more effective than a whole division of armed troops reluctant to fire upon their misguided fellow countrymen".

The third possibility is described as "non-violent revolution". Concerning this, the memorandum states, "According to the communist manifesto, armed assault of the United States is to be ordered only as a last resort...it is their intent to have communist agents eventually elected to every high Government office. Once elected such agents are to socialize and alter the American economy to such a degree 'that it can be comfortably merged with the Soviet Union'. What defense have we against this communist plan? The American people are usually given an opportunity to vote for Mr. X or Mr. Y. What guarantee do we have that either one or both is not a communist sympathizer? Our own Declaration of Independence has stated that when a government no longer represents the will of the people it is the moral right of the citizenry to change the government accordingly by such means as they find necessary".

On October 31, 1961, also furnished an eight page brochure titled "What Chance for Minutemen?".

This communication again describes the various methods by which communists might take over our Government. The possibilities are described as surprise atomic attack, invasion by conventional forces, violent internal revolution and non-violent election. Concerning the last possibility this memorandum states "Minutemen" must:

"A. Be willing to continue the fight for liberty even though we no longer have the legal support of established authority.

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- B. Keep faith with our ideals and with our fellow patriots even though we may be hunted like animals and called even worse.
- C. Find effective means of reaching the minds of our fellow Americans to defend our own position, convince them of the facts, combat communist propaganda and rally them to the cause of freedom.
- D. Prepare ourselves to take any action -- no matter how brutal -- that may be required to renew the protection of the United States Constitution for future generations."

Finally this memorandum states, "We must work constantly and diligently to pursue the following twelve objectives of the Minutemen organization:

- 1. To prepare the means of personal defense and survival in case of enemy attack.
- 2. To resist and expose the spread of communist influence and propaganda within our own national boundaries.
- 3. To investigate, by means of our own secret memberships, the possible infiltration of communist sympathizers into American organizations of government, business, labor, religion, and education.
- 4. To detect and expose waste, corruption or disloyalty in any American enterprise or activity that might subvert the defense effort.
- 5. To resist by all legal means the passage of laws which regulate the private ownership of firearms or which detract from the individual's ability to defend his own family and personal property.
- 6. To promote knowledge and skill in the use of arms by our own members and by the general public.
- 7. To form in advance of actual need a secret underground organization equipped to spy upon, harass and destroy troops of any foreign power that might occupy United States territory.

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- 8. To extend this organization, wherever possible unto other nations besieged by the treat of communist expansion or subversion.
- 9. To lend assistance and support of such kinds as our own government cannot officially extend to underground organizations now operating in Cuba and other communist occupied nations.
- 10. To pursue these programs as private citizens motivated only by patriotism and to remain entirely free of government subsidies or control.
- 11. To distribute anti-communist literature and take all other steps possible to inform our fellow Americans of the peril we face.
- 12. To write our senators and representatives repeatedly and insistently that they halt the growth of communist-socialist ideology in our own Federal Government."

On January 18, 1964, SL T-1 advised that "Minutemen" in the Greater St. Louis area were distributing a flier titled "To Future Minutemen". It states, "Some people have inferred that the Minutemen do not have faith in the ability of the United States Armed Forces to protect our country. Nothing could be further from the truth. We do, however, believe that it is the right of, and the duty of, every American to preserve our American way of life and to repel any foreign invader of our country. Communism has no nationality. An American cannot be a Communist nor can a Communist be an American. Communists are estranged from the country of their birth by their own creed. Let no one be in doubt that World War III has started - let us be at it."

ORGANIZATION

On October 23, 1961, advised SAS RICHARD T. HRADSKY and WALTER A. HILGENDORF that no membership cards were then being issued by "Minutemen". However, application forms have been circulated. He said the theory

Ъ7С Ъ7D being practiced was that if an individual became interested in "Minutemen" and secured the authority of ROBERT B. DePUGH to organize, he should then contact friends and relatives similarly interested and form a unit of approximately 15.

asserted that ________ would assist such a unit in a training program which would familiarize the individuals with the use of firearms and the tactics of guerrilla fighting. _______ admitted that no such units had been successfully organized as of the interview date in the _______, Illinois, or St. Louis, Missouri area.

The two page brochure of "Minutemen" furnished October 31, 1961, by states the organizational structure of "Minutemen" is considerably different from a military organization. Squads composed of 6 to 12 members are the basic units. The location of each squad and its membership is kept in separate sealed envelopes near "Minutemen" headquarters. "Minutemen" work mostly within their squad so that if an individual "Minuteman" is captured, only one squad will be in danger of exposure. The brochure goes on to explain how "Minutemen" is growing rapidly by a "chain letter" method. This works in the following way: | If an individual answers an ad for example in his local newspaper and applies for membership, the application is forwarded to another "Minuteman" who checks the information given to see if it is true. If this inquiry is favorable, then the applicant is invited to join an existing squad of "Minutemen". From his squad leader and other members he learns the organization and methods of "Minutemen". At the same time it becomes his duty to begin organizing a squad of his own. He can invite new members directly into his own squad and as leader of this new group he passes on the lessons already learned.

The brochure declares "One of our greatest needs" is for people with sufficient spare time to interview prospective new members; furthermore, members having land available where local groups can build their rifle ranges are especially needed. The brochure says that members who travel widely can help organize squads in other areas. Members who have had actual experience or training in military tactics, marksmanship and first aid can help train other members in these fields.

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October 27, 1961 furnished a three page letter titled "Important Notice Directed to All Minutemen from Bob DePugh". This states in part the newspapers have referred to him, DePUGH, as the "national leader of Minutemen". The communication states "as you all know our organization is much too loosely knit for any one person to hold such a definite title. I can only hope that our members do not gain the impression this was intentional on my part or that I have attempted to gain personal publicity. Those of you who know me will, I am sure, realize that this is not the case. Most people can hardly imagine a group of people working for a common end without a 'leader'. If the newspapers require titles, I would suggest National Coordinator and Regional Coordinators."

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On January 18, 1964, SL T-1 stated that "Minutemen" have issued a brochure titled "Organization of the Combat Team - General". This urges training at regular intervals and states that each "team" must be provided with a leader and an assistant leader. The brochure also outlines the weapons and equipment necessary. It states the "combat team" will consist of six men. It then states, for example, that the leader is to have

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a "machine pistol and 250 rounds and clips, pistol and 50 rounds, and sheath knife". The assistant leader is to have a "riot gun and 50 rounds in belt pouches, pistol and 50 rounds and sheath knife". The other four men are to each have an MI rifle and 160 rounds in belts.

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on February 21. 1962, furnished a letter dated February, 1962, at Illinois, which mailed out and signed with his "Minutemen" number i.e. This discusses finances. The letter states that St. Louis 37, Missouri, had been appointed finance officer for the area. He will keep the books on income of the organization. The letter points out that the member's serial number will be recorded in the record in place of their names. The letter goes on to say the finance of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and "I suggest that dues of the organization are nearly and the organization are

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bearing the printed mimeographed signature "BOB DePUGH". It is titled "Minutemen, P. O. Box 68, Norborne, Missouri - Dear fellow patriot". It then states, "We are in dire financial circumstances at a time when we need to be operating as effectively as possible". DePUGH then says he has over 4,000 letters from prospective members which have not been answered for lack of secretarial help. He states the supply of mimeographed paper has been depleted and cannot be replaced until funds are secured. Further, "I don't know how we are going to keep in touch with our members". DePUGH adds the enclosed bulletin was delayed more than a week while he was trying to raise \$3,240, which is necessary to mail the bulletin to 27,000 people at 12¢ each.

On February 18, 1964, SL T-1 stated that JOHN E. BLUMER has asserted that the dues for "Minutemen" at least in the St. Louis area are \$10.00 monthly.

RE: JOHN EMERY BLUMER

On December 24, 1963, SL T-1 advised that JOHN BLUMER, who resides on Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, is currently a leader of "Minutemen" in the Greater St. Louis area and has held meetings of "Minutemen" at his residence during the past six months. This source stated that BLUMER is also Secretary of "Council for Individual Freedom - Midwestern Council", Post Office Box 3825, St. Louis 22, Missouri. BLUMER has written articles in this bulletin which source described as being strongly anti-Communist.

SL T-l advised that in the fall of 1963 BLUMER spoke of enlisting physicians in "Minutemen" who would be available to administer to victims in the event of a Communist invasion. He also spoke of "lining up " gun dealers to assist in the acquisition of guns for "Minutemen". He further spoke of the desirability of setting up a confidential system of communications which could be utilized by "Minutemen" and offered the suggestion that restaurants might provide a vehicle for this. He explained by saying that some communications code could be printed on menus.

On still another occasion BLUMER stated "Minutemen" desired to place someone in the Communist Party (CP) for the purpose of furnishing directly data regarding the activities of that organization. In November, 1963, BLUMER introduced a man named full name unknown, a white male in his late 30's, approximately 5'll" tall and weighing 220 pounds, employed in an advertising business, to a former CP member. had agreed to try to join the CP for "Minutemen". Source stated that thus far nothing tangible has been achieved along this line.

Source further advised that BLUMER has outlined some apparently bizarre plans to further the objectives of "Minutemen". For example, in the summer of 1963 he expressed an interest in learning the identities of local business or professional men who were former CP members. He indicated he

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would try to extort money from them under the threat of "exposing them". He observed that if some refused to pay and were then "bumped off" this might have a salutary effect on others in a similar position and prompt them to pay off more readily. Source stated that so far as he knows this has been more or less idle conversation and nothing has been done by BLUMER to implement this idea.

On another occasion in discussing the possibility of recruiting members for "Minutemen" from the local Civil Defense organization in the St. Louis area, BLUMER spoke of using a female to "compromise" an official of the St. Louis County Civil Defense organization. His objective in doing this would be to achieve some measure of control over Civil Defense. He furnished no details regarding this idea.

In December, 1963, BLUMER spoke of certain pending federal legislation and programs about which he feels strongly. For example, he opposes the sale of wheat to Russia, recognition of Red China, and he does not want federal legislation which would curtail the free sale and movement of firearms. He mentioned that if several senators in varying geographic locations who oppose this thinking were to be "bumped off", this would keep the other senators in line. Source stated that he had no reason to believe this remark was made seriously with any present intent to carry it out.

Source further advised that in the summer of 1963, ROBERT B. DePUGH, national head of "Minutemen" from Norborne. Missouri, together with BLUMER, contacted a former CP member in St. Louis for the purpose of obtaining information regarding the strategy and tactics of the CP. At this time DePUGH said he wished to place an informant in the CP. BLUMER has stated that Green Tree Farms, Post Office Box 7, Venice, Illinois, is a mail drop for "Minutemen" members.

On January 16, 1964, SL T-1 advised that the day before JOHN BLUMER, 438 Manchester Road, Ballwin, Missouri, made certain statements regarding GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP-USA. BLOWGR talked of HALL's visit to Kansas City over the preceding weekerd and stated that HALL appeared on a radio program. BLUMER then asserted "we" were going to "knock him off" after the program:

that everything was "set up". BLUMER said when these plans were not effected, additional plans were made to "knock him off" in St. Louis, Missouri, where he came after leaving Kansas City.

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BLUMER did not furnish the identity of the individuals who allegedly formulated the plans and who were to participate therein. He did not outline any details, nor the reason they were not consummated. He observed that ROBERT DePUGH, national head of "Minutemen", had been scheduled to appear in a radio panel discussion with HALL in Kansas City.

BLUMER went on to say that it had been planned to "get" ten Communists at different places all over the United States simultaneously. He said that automobiles belonging to members of "Minutemen" would be used. They would be reported stolen to the local police so that if they were traced, there would be a ready-made alibi. BLUMER did not furnish any further details. Source stated that BLUMER has a strong antipathy toward Communism.

On February 18, 1964, SL T-1 advised that BLUMER still talks of extorting money from business and professional men in the St. Louis area who are former CP members. He apparently plans to secure funds by threatening to expose their prior CP connections. Source stated he knows of nothing concrete, however, that has been done to implement this plan.

SL T-1 stated he believes the membership of "Minutemen" in Greater St. Louis to be about 25.

JOHN EMERY BLUMER at finst asserted that he is not a member of "Minutemen", adding that there are no members. Later in the interview, he conceded that applications for membership had been widely distributed and that he is affiliated with the organization. He said no one bears a leadership title in the St. Louis area. He asserted that recruiting is done by talking to friends and relatives who can be trusted. They are urged to acquire firearms and ammunition. In order to secure training they are further urged to join gun clubs. BLUMER stated "Minutemen" has no training program as such, although written directives are distributed to their group.

BLUMER stated that the major concern of "Minutemen" lies in the possibility that Communists may assume control of the United States. It is not felt this will be done by invasion, but rather via an internal upheaval. He pointed to the way Communists allegedly are taking advantage of the current racial situation. He said that he could foresee a situation where the Muslims, the fanatical Negro group, might start rioting, and the Communists would then direct it. He said that since Communists have sympathizers in the major communications media, this could be the beginning of a great uprising. He asserted that under such conditions, "Minutemen" might then muster its forces to assist in repelling this crisis.

BLUMER stated that "Minutemen" have no cache of arms anywhere, so far as he knows. Instead, individual members keep weapons and ammunition of their own choosing in their own residences.

BLUMER went on to say that he feels the various branches of Government are infiltrated with Communists, and other officials are either too soft on Communism or busy with paper work to combat this influence. He feels that the present administration of President JOHNSON is "soft on Communism", and this is a continuation of the policies of the KENNEDY regime. He pointed to former President KENNEDY's commutation of the sentence of JUNIUS SCALES. convicted Communist from North Carolina, as an example of this softness.

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BLUMER stated that he feels the United States failed miserably in helping anti-Communist forces fight FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba. Furthermore, the United States gave no support to the insurgent forces trying to fight Communism in the Hungarian uprising. As a matter of fact, the United States even thwarted efforts of these forces to get anti-tank guns which they needed so badly.

He then went on to say that he feels the greatest problem, however, is the general apathy of the American people toward the problem of Communist control. As an example of this apathy and general lack of coordination, he pointed to the "bunker" located in St. Louis County by the Civil Defense authorities, in which a reserve communications system is contained. This would be operated under certain emergency conditions. BLUMER contacted a number of farmers and small businessmen who reside in the area, and they agreed to volunteer to take special training so they would protect this "bunker" in a crisis and know how to start it up. BLUMER took the group to the County Civil Defense Office where applications were given out. However, nothing was done after that to train this group.

When asked how "Minutemen" will be mustered in an emergency, he said that any underground has its own system of communications. No one knows the identity of all other participants for security reasons. He would not comment further.

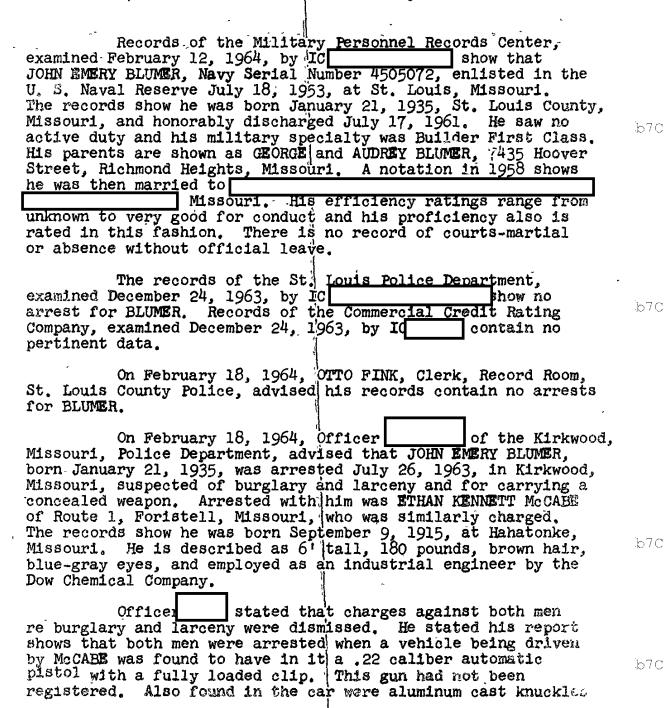
BLUMBR denied that "Minutemen" are storing grenades or dynamite. He said that even though he hates Communism, he would certainly not take any physical action against its leaders. He conceded knowing that GUS HALL, General Secretary of the CP, USA, was in St. Louis on January 11, 1964, and had been in Kansas City, Missouri, the preceding day. He said that while he would not be sorry to see HALL "knocked off", he would certainly not take any action along this line, nor knew of anyone in his organization who would do so. He asserted that any good done by such action would be outweighed by other consequences. He further said that neither he nor any of his fellow "Minutemen" have ever planned to take physical action against any governmental officials, either elected or appointed, in order to achieve their aims.

BLUMER stated he feels the FBI is the last bulwark against Communism, although he feels the Communist Party has undoubtedly tried to infiltrate it.

The following description was obtained of BLUMER by interrogation and observation:

Name JOHN EMERY BLUMER Address 438 Manchester Road, Ballwin, Missouri Telephone LA 7-0340 Race White Sex Male Height 519" Weight 170 pounds Hair Brown Eyes Brown Date of birth January 21, 1935. Place of birth St. Louis, Misso Marital status Married to Children Two, ages 3½ years and six months Eight years, Sea Bees Reserves, St. Louis, Missouri, ending Military service July 18, 1961. Attached to Division 920, Education Graduate of Clayton High School, Clayton, Missouri Arrests States arrested July, 1963, by Kirkwood, Missouri, Police Department on suspicion and released Teeth Good Complexion Ruddy Occupation Construction forearm Employer Robert M. Hoffmeier Construction Company, 13201 Thornhill, Town and Country, Missouri (St. Louis County)

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and blue cloth gloves, both items being between the seat. At first it was thought the automobile might have been stolen, but it was found that this was not true. McCABE advised police officers that he is a member of the Birch Society and had been at a meeting at BLUMER's house the night before. He stated that both men at the time of their arrest were in the area because they planned to knock down a sign at a church located at Argonne and Taylor Avenues. The sign said "The worst sin toward our fellow creatures is not to hate, but to be indifferent to them".

On February 18, 1964, Mr. FINK of the St. Louis County Police advised that while he had no record of BLUMER, his records showed that McCABE had been charged with carrying concealed weapons on August 13, 1963, and had been released on \$1500 bond by the Magistrate's Court, District 5, Clayton, Missouri, Records of this court show that on October 3, 1963, McCABE was bound over to the Circuit Court for grand jury action.

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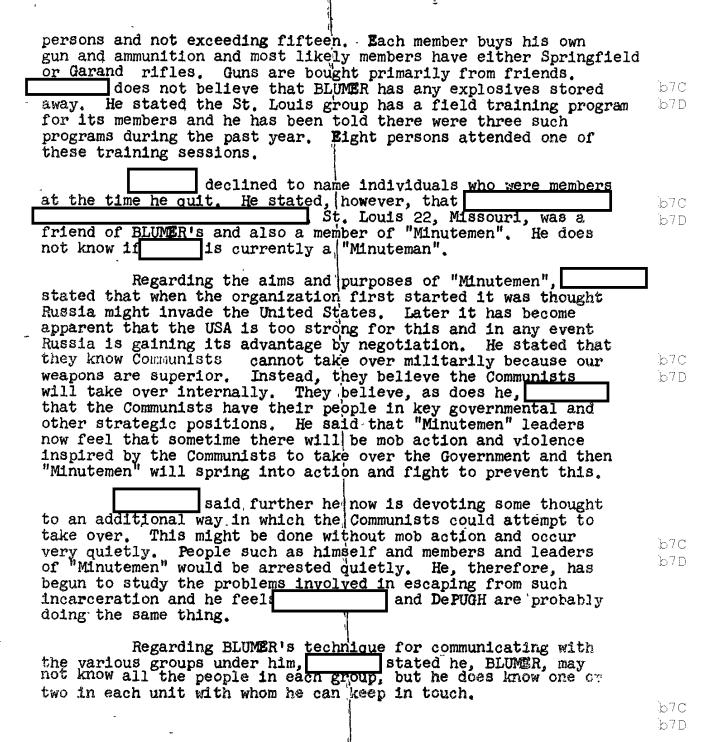
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Illinois, stated that he joined "Minutemen" in May, month later than assumed the position of "Minutemen", a position he kept until he left "Minutemen" in September, He resigned from the organization because he felt its national organization was doing an inefficient job in preparing for guerrilla warfare should the United States be invaded. He pointed out that his b7C b7D territory covered a radius of 100 miles in all directions from St. Louis, Missouri. He stated his peak membership had been a maximum of 50. When he resigned, his position was given organized the "Counterinsurgency Council" with headquarters in Collinsville, Illinois, following his resignation. This new group had the same objectives as "Minutemen". said he had been assigned number "Minuteman" and the highest number he saw assigned was 13,000. He said, however, this does not mean there were 13,000 members. ROPERT B. DePUGH, national head of "Minutemen", in assigning numbers originally started at 500 and DePUGH himself had number Subsequently DePUGH admittedly skipped numbers in making assignments. declared that in late 1961 DePUGH claimed 25,000 members nationally, but this figure was not accurate. b7C He apparently claimed as a member anyone who ever made an inquiry .b7D regarding "Minutemen". stated that he has continued to maintain contact with DePUGH as well as BLUMER and hopes to coordinate his efforts with them. He stated that so far as he knows, BLUMER is probably still the Regional or Midwest Coordinator for "Minutemen" in Greater St. Louis and his territory probably includes a radius of 100 miles from St. Louis excluding, however, the State of Illinois. said he does not know the current membership of "Minutemen" in Greater St. Louis, but feels it is considerably less than 100. He said the only central membership records are b7C supposed to be kept by the ten man council of DePUGH's. **b**7D records are split up among them so in case one is raided all of the records will not be secured. He said the St. Louis memberable is divided up into bands probably consisting of four to five 2/11/64 Illinois SL 100-18627 **b**7D SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF/rc 2/13/64 This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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on Manchester Avenue employed by the in St. Louis County, Missouri. stated he did not pay any dues, but he did send about \$10.00 to DePUGH in Norborne, Missouri, over a period of six months for literature. stated that it became obvious as time went on was a fanatic on the subject of Communism. He was suspicious of everyone and every organization and the subject affected him somewhat in the fashion that alcohol or drugs might work on another person. In the meantime father urged him to sever his connections with "Minutemen" pointing out that its very secrecy indicated its undesirability. Finally in the spring of ___ stopped attending meetings of "Minutemen" and indicated he desired no further connection, is currently at St. Louis University. He stated that individual members of "Minutemen" were urged to acquire rifles and ammunition. He himself has long been interested in guns and owned an 8 millimeter Mauser which had been "sportorized". He stated he had had this weapon for years and also owned a shotgun. He further said he indulged in no firearms training with the exception of the session at Norborne. He further stated he did not know the identity of any members of "Minutemen" outside his own group.

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Records of the Commercial Credit Rating Company,	
examined December 24, 1963, by IC show that	
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Missouri. No derogatory information appears in the file.	
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On December 24, 1963, ic was advised	
that the records of the St. Louis Police Department contain no	
arrests for Similarly, on February 18, 1964, OTTO FINK,	b7C
Clerk, St. Louis County Police Department, advised he has no arrest record for	
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Missouri, who operates	
Clayton, Missouri, stat he went to a meeting in Kirkwo	ted that in the spring of
speaker was ROBERT B. De PUGH, natio	onal head of "Minutemen" from
Norborne, Missouri. He cannot reca	ll precisely what DePUGH
said, but generally it was to the e a great threat to the United States	fiect that Communism poses
be done about it now. He recalled	another such meeting featuring
be done about it now. He recalled DePUGH in the fall of which h	e attended. JOHN BLUMER was
at one of these meetings. she was asked to join "Minutemen" or	TREED DE DOES DOE VOON IT
that he had not joined although he	was led to believe that Blumek
<u>was active</u> in the organization. Hi	's precise position in "Minutemen'
said he did not know.	
stated he still ha	s an open mind regarding
"Minutemen". He stated that when he it to see whether he wants to become	
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2/17/64 of Clayton, Missouri	File # SL 100-18627
SA RICHARD BOYD SMITH and SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF/rc	2/19/64

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### MISCELLANEOUS

! _	Captain of the St. Louis Police Department on October 22, 1963, advised that on October 8, 1963, the St. Louis Police Department conducted an investigation regarding a carton containing twelve 81 mm shells. These were confiscated by the Police from Orchelein Brothers Trucking Lines, 7410 Hall Street, St. Louis, Missouri.	b7C
•	dock without a pill of lading. She had the carton opened and observed the shells.	<i>'</i>
	Detective and Detective interviewed her and she advised the carton had been shipped from Post Office Kansas City, Missouri, to Healys Grocery, Katonah, New York.	b7C
	The box of shells was taken to the 50th Ordnance Depot at Granite City, Illinois, where they were examined by Lieutenant and Sergeant They found six of these shells contained black powder, which they retained. The other six shells contained new pennies in their bases. It was also found that the primer and finn end of the shells had evidently been drilled out and a steel plug placed in them.	.b7C
	The investigating officers found the name S. Riekes Grocery Company, 413 Grand Street, Kansas City, Missouri, stamped on the carton. Upon the request of the detectives, sent a telegram to the grocery company at Katonah, New York, regarding the shipment. She was advised that the company expected to receive two cartons from a ROBERT De PEGH of 503 South Pine, Norborn, Missouri.	b7C
	Again at the request of the detectives,  contacted ROBERT DePEGH by phone asking him if he had made a shipment to the grocery company in Katonah, New York. He replied that he had sent one carton that contained used and rebuilt machinery.  On November 5, 1963, Sergeant  advised	b7C
	that ROBERT DePEGH, as originally identified by the investigating officers, is actually ROBERT DePUGH, who has served as national head of "Minutemen".	b7c

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An article appeared in "The Monitor Index", June 3, 1963, Moberly, Missouri. The article states a group of men, who said they were connected with "Minutemen", appeared at the experimental farms of the University of Missouri, Weldon Springs, Missouri, the preceding Saturday. They stated they planned to conduct "guerrilla warfare with live ammunition". They were intercepted by a Missouri Highway Patrolman, who told them they would be arrested if they did not have permission to enter the farms. They subsequently disappeared. The article states three automobiles were involved bearing Michigan license plates.

#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

St. Louis, Missouri

February 20, 1964

Title

"MINUTEMEN"

Character

INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reference

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Report of SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF dated February 20, 1964 at St. Louis.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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MEMO, SAC Attention White Plains RA SA WILLIAM A. FLYNN MI NUTEMENT Re: WAS. SECURITY MATTER - C The captioned subject was reported residing at ____ ____, and employed as a 1 _____, 19___. Subject's spouse is The subject has been reported involved in the following subversive activity on the dates shown: SEE LEAD IN ATTACHED REPORT l. It is requested the following investigation be conducted: (Check where applicable.) Verify current employment and residence. Determine current Credit Record, it being noted the subject's credit was last checked _____, 19_. Determine current criminal record, it being noted the subject's criminal file was last reviewed Obtain background, and dates, from subject's employment record. Check subject's marriage record at Probate Court, it being noted subject was reported married ______, 19_, at _______. Check official birth record at Bureau of Vital Statistics, it being noted subject reported born on ______, 19_, at Determine whether subject has access to classified or restricted material. Conduct neighborhood investigation; the following specific information is desired: Check Security Informants, it being noted have given information in the past. Review INS records. Determine if subject has military service. Obtain photograph of subject (), description (), handwriting specimen (). Determine subject's education; check school or college records, it being noted subject was reported attending ______ () N. Determine subject's status of health. The agent conducting the investigation will be alert for any evidence of subversive activity and in addition will INFORMATION CONTAINED SERIALIZED... HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DANIEL J. AU. DATE Enc. 1Ser 100/5 EST EQUES ORPT 2/20/64 auc - brook t co62-12699

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Kansas City, Missouri February 18, 1964

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On February 13, 1964, Captalia, Kansas
City, Missouri Police Department, advised that his office
had been contacted by
Kansas City, Missouri. <u>advised that on February</u> 5, 1964, at 8:20 a.m., her bushand
forcibly took ten years of
this occurred was apparently in an irrational state of
mind. She stated that she and her husband had been havens
domestic troubles and that he had threatoned her life. she stated that had just recently sold their home ar
stated that had just recently sold their home at and had converted the money received, approxi-
mately \$10,000.00, into silver which he keeps with him at all
times. He is also armed at all times, having four pistols
and four rifles. He is driving a 1953 Buick, dark green over
light green, license unknown.
advised that her husband has threatened to
assassinate several influential leaders throughout the country -
specifically Attorney General Robert Kennedy, Senator Barry
Goldwater, and Mr. Walter Reuther.
on the morning of February 5 1004 4 1
that he was going to hire out as an assassin for some
organization not named. said that her husband sub-
scribes to magazines which she considers to be "radical".
such as "American Opinion", "The Cross and the Flag", and
others. She advised that she had no idea where her husband
and son might be, however, thought that might have gone to Colorado since he had recently gone to Durango, Colorado
Springs and Denver to buy some land! She added that her hus-
band is very violent and he had told her he would not be
taken alive by the police.
Captain advised that on February 12, 1963
the Jackson County, Missouri Prosecutor's Office issued a
Missouri State Warrant for for assault with in-
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ceiving this information his office issued a pickup for
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Captain advised that the magazines "American Opinion" and "The Cross and the Flag", along with other literature believed to have belonged to were being retained by the Property Room of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. He stated that "American Opinion" is published by Robert Welch, Incorporated, 395 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts, and "The Cross and the Flag" was founded by Gerald L. K. Smith, and is the official organ of the Christian Nationalist Crusade, a national political committee. These descriptions were inside the cover of these magazines.
On February 13, 1964,
Kansas City, Missouri, appeared at the Kansas Pater
FBI Office with her attorney,
Kansas City, Missouri, and Turnished the following information:
married to who is also known as She said that she is a Jew and has been married to for 12 years. During most of this marriage their relationship was a normal one, and only on a few occasions did her husband ever make unkind remarks about Jews.
In August, 1962, and their son drove to the Liberty Memorial, which was being nicketed by a group of individuals, including both independent junk dealers who do not operate established business firms. At this time gave copies of "Common Sense" and Similar type magazines to read became very good friends with
was brought up as a Christian Scientist. but later became an Atheist. also met a man named whom he trusted. advised that they recently sold their home and received \$10,000.00 for it, and immediately converted \$5,000.00 of this sum into silver because he distrusted the paper currency. kept this in five small ammunition cases in their home. She said he also had two single one thousand dollar bills; however, it appears that \$3,000.00 from the sale has disappeared.
said her husband told her that during the went to the Liberty Memor
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in Kansas City, Missouri, and met a Mr. Tannahill of Dallas, Texas. gave Tannahill fifty dollars for travel expenses since he had boasted that he and a group of men in Texas were going to Arkansas to assassinate Senator Fullbright. However, Tannahill was supposedly killed by super patriots because he "spilled the beans". was distrusted by the "Minutemen" because they thought he was a Communist, and allegedly had given Tannahill the use of his yellow Eulck, which two weeks later was discovered on a Kansas City street and impounded by the police. The day after Thanksgiving, went to Norborne, Missouri, to join the "winutemen". However, Robert De Pugh, the "Minutemen" leader, did not trust them and said that he would talk to them at a later date. Later DePugh came to Kansas City, and according to told her that he did not trust be thought they were Communists or Communist plants. said that DePugh told her that "We are not after him As a result got scared and went to California, and stayed away from these people and burned all his literature. During this period began to think that his wife was spying on him. During the previously-described contact with DePugh, said that there was a man sitting in the back seat of the automobile who was not introduced to her, but whom she subsequently learned was said that had printed up a huge quantity of "Minutemen" business cards, and was dropping "them throughout the Kansas City area. said that in 1963, the Communists were trying to take over, and would probably complete their take-over in 1964, since the Diagrament Treaty is part of the Communist plot. When President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on November 22, 1963, became erratic and said, "This is the time for us to go. The Communists and Jews are trying to overthrow the country." said that he always used the words "Communists" and "Jews" interchangebly. She advised that went to Colorado for four days with their son looking for terrain which was rough enough to him in. At this time he began to talk at length about "going underground". He said that they would be able to contact ratio's who were doing the same thing. Shortly thereafter to distrust and mentioned that the judges who were all Masons were controlled by Jews.

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advised that she recalled that she and her husband were beginning to be trusted by DeFrigh, and were invited to a "Minutemen" training seminar approximately 50 miles west of St. Louis on June 1, 1962. She said they drove over there and were to be met by some pre-arranged signal, such as a yellow truck with a red flag. Although they got to the designated spot as arranged, they saw nothing except what looked to them to be police cars patrolling, and after an hour they returned to Kansas City. said that the next day her husband called DePugh's home and was told by his wife and son that a number of "Minutemen" were picked up and arrested for carrying guns, and the whole meeting seemed to have fallen to pieces. She said that most of the time her husband was engaged in this hate activity he was a "loner" working with a group of similar "loners". During the last few months be had stated time and time again he would hire himself out for assassins, although she stated she could not tell whether he ever tied up with any organized group. advised that she planned to stay in Kansas City, Missouri, for a short time but could be reached through DIOUKLYIN, NEW YORK, OF , Brooklyn. On February 14, 1964, ney, 9th Floor, Home Savings Building; 1006 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that as attorney he had gone to the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and observed a photograph of viewing this photograph he realized that he had seen approximately one and one-half years ago. said that he had attended a showing of the motion picture "Operation Abolition" and "Operation Correction" at the Johnson County, Kansas Auditorium. Although there were 2,000 people present he noticed that there were some members of the crowd who appeared to be agitators, and noticed one man up near the ceiling of the auditorium who had an arm around a rafter holding on, shouting about college kids in the "Put them in jail - hoods - gangsters." He was dressed in a T-shirt and dungarees, while everyone place seemed to be neatly dressed. advised that he clearly remembered this

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action and was positive that this man in the rafters was

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Garfield Urban Renewal Project, 406 Woodland, Kansas City.	•
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located at on October	
31, 1963. advised that remained in the	
house until recently, paying rent to the project, and as a	
result had many contacts with During	
these contacts spoke of first moving to California.	
and then to Colorado, to make a business investment.	+
advised that he has not seen since approximately	
January 13, 1964, but would describe him as a "radical	
right-winger", in that has specifically made statements	a
"I have seen the light, the government is going to the	•
Communist Party which is run by Jews!" advised that	
also claimed that no Jews were ever killed in German	
Concentration Camps; that was pure propaganda. also	
contended that the Masons were controlled by the Communists.	
said that the legislation introduced by a senator from	
Georgia after the assassination of President Kennety, to	
regulate privately-owned firearms, is also a Communist plot	
to gain control of the country. told that the	
pilot area for this legislation to be carried out will be	
on the West Coast, and it will gradually move to the East Coast	st.
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said that he believes that is	
who feels he is constantly being perse-	
cuted. implied to that he had guns, although he	•
never saw any guns belonging to advised that	
although appears to be a very likeable, good-natured	
man, he feels that he could be a dangerous individual who might	
personally harm someone. He advised that heroes were	
General Walker, Leander Perez and Henry Ford 1.	
On February 14, 1964.	ı
Kansas City. Missouri, advised that she is the mother	i
of although she has not seen him for	
of although she has not seen him for approximately one month.	
born at Kansas, on and apparently has	<b>≃</b>
had a happy married life. She said that he does not smoke	
or drink, and is not tight with money. A couple of years ago	
he was involved in an automobile wreck which cut his head;	
however, she said, "He is not crazy". said	
has no idea who his associates are since his friends do not	
come to her house, and she has no idea where he might be.	

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was apprehended on February 15, 1964, by the Durango, Colorado Police Department on federal process
outstanding at Kansas City, Missouri, which charged him with
violation of Title 18, USC, Section 1073, Unlawful Flight
to Avoid Prosecution - Assault with Intent to Kill. This
process was based on above-mentioned local warrant at Kansas
City, Missouri. At the time of his arrest had one
45 caliber Smith & Wesson double-action revolver, Model
U. S. 1917, loaded, 45 caliber automatic pistol, Model U. S.
1911, stamped Property U. S., seven bullets in clip in gun.
At his motel room where he registered as there
was a Browning 22 automatic rifle with TASCO scope, a Remington
30-06, Remington 22 long rifle automatic 66 Model, Remington
30-06 Model 700 rifle, bolt action. Numerous rounds of
30-06 and 45 cal. ammunition were found in a trailer left
behind at the motel by
appeared before the U. S. Commissioner,
Durango, Colorado, on February 15, 1964, and was released
on \$5,000.00 cash bond.
was re-arrested by the Durango Police Department
on the morning of February 16, 1964, on a Missouri State
Warrant, was represented by counsel, and appeared before a
local magistrate and released on his personal recognizance
to the custody of his attorney, pending further hearing.
is described as follows in the Kansas City,
Missouri Police Department files:
Color White
Sex Male 1
Age 33. born
Kansas
Height 5'9"
·. Weight 175 - 185
Eyes Blue
Hair Red
Complexion Ruddy
Scars and marks Mole right temple
FBI No.
has been heavily armed in the past, is
and should be considered dangerous.

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#### APPENDIX

The following organizations and publications which are referred to in this memorandum and which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, are characterized as follows:

#### "Minutemen"

"Minutemen" was organized in June, 1960, its present headquarters are Norborne, Missouri, and Robert B. DePugh, Norborne, is its present leader. Statements by DePugh and literature distributed by the organization indicate its purposes to be the resistance and exposure of the spread of Communist influence within the United States, for the formation of a guerilla or underground organization to combat the troups of any foreign powers which might occupy this country, and resist passage of laws which would regulate private ownership of firearms.

# "Christian Educational Association" "Common Sense"

The Christian Educational Association of 530 Chestnut Street, Union, New Jersey, is the publisher of "Common Sense", a tabloid-size newspaper published twice monthly except during July and August. Current issues of this paper identify the editor as Conde McGinley and the publisher as the Christian Educational Association.

On December 17, 1954, the Committee on Un-American Activities of the United States House of Representatives published a "Preliminary Report on Neo-Fascist and Hate Groups" in which their growth and objectives are discussed at length. The report indicates that "Common Sense" has a circulation which fluctuates between 30,000 and 100,000 copies an issue. It describes "Common Sense" as a "hate sheet" vehicle which publishes "some of the most vitriolic hate propaganda ever to come to the attention of the Committee!"

According to the report, "Common Sense" depicts
Communism as Judaism and devotes its pages almost entirely to
attacks on the Jewish and to a lesser extent, the Negro
minorities in the United States. Sympathy for the former Nazi
government in Germany is also shown in the paper.

#### APPENDIX.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1964

#### **Highland News**

# First Rehearsal Listed By Minute Men Band Unit

Special to the Poughkeepste Journal HIGHLAND — George Mulier, bandmaster of the Minute Men, the American Legion sponsored band, has reported the first rehearsal of 1964 will be conducted Friday night at 7 o'clock in the Elementary School with himself and assistant bandmaster Henry Gregorio as instructors

Gregorio as instructors
All members are urged to attend this and other rehearsals each Friday night in preparation; for the year's events.

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HIGHLAND AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERS at ceremony when Henry Gregorio (1) presented check to Steve Cisternino (center) for the American Legion Junior Band. George Muller, bandmaster is holding a plaque won by the Junior Band in a parade in Poughkeepsie on October 13, 1963 for being the best marching band.

Some of the youngsters are shown in lower picture

Sutton Photo

Highland Mid-Hudson Post

Highland, New York

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### Memorandum

TO

: SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699)

Attn. SA DANIEL J. QUIGLEY, #412

: SA ROBERT E. JENKINS FROM

SUBJECT: "MKNUTEMEN"

INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY) (OO: KANSAS CITY)

AE: SA QUIGLEY'S Memo SAC. NY dated 1/24/64

The Feb. 5,1964 issue of the "Poughkeepsie Journal", clipping of which is attached, reflects a "Minute Men" organization within the Highland, New York American Legion.

PHILIP PAMPINELLA, Postmaster, Highland, New York, and Legionnaire advised on 2/17/64 that this is the name of the young peoples band sponsored by the Highland American Legion. He stated there is no organization of "Minute Men", as described in referenced Memo, in the Highland AmericanLegion, and he is not aware of any such organization in New York State. He furnished a copy of the Feb. 13, 1964 issued of Highland Mid-Hudson Post, which contained a photograph of the American Legion Junior Band, which he stated is known as the Minute-Men. photograph is attached to this Memo.

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The following individuals were contacted on the dates indicated and hadvised there is no organization of Minute 18 advised there is no organization of Minute/Men in the American Legion Posts of their association, of which they are aware, and assured that if there were such, they would be aware of them. They advised they will notify the FBI if any organization of MinuteMen comes to their attention. Senior Investigator, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, New York State Police, Leeds, New York, 1/27/64. ABRAHAM RAND, Chief of Police, Ellenville, New York, 1/28/64 b7C Sgt., Liberty, New York P.D., 1/29/64 LOUIS RATNER, Sheriff, Sullivan County, Monticello, NY 1/29/64 Undersheriff, Green County, Catskill, NY 2/3/64 CLAUDE BELL, Sheriff, Ulster County, Kingston, NY 2/18/64 Mow TELLO Sullivan County Commander, American Legion 2/26/64 H. EDGAR TIMMERMAN, Julster County ommander, " 2/28/64 WILLIAM HARTMAN MAN, Greene ounty Commander, 2/27/64 RCBERT MURPHY, Chief of Police, Kingston, NY 2/27/64 2/27/64 lb7D lb7C 2/27/64

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

### Memorandum

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то	•	SAC, NEW YORK (\$2-12699) ATTENTION :SA DANIEL J. QUIGLEY	# 412
FROM	:	SA William A. Flynn, Jr RA White Plains, N.Y.	

SUBJECT: MINUTEMEN

INFORMATION CONCERNING:
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American Legion Bedford, N.Y.

American Legion Bedford or Westchester County or in the various American Legion Posts in the state. EX Detective is a member of the Town of Bedford P.D. which covers the area of Katonah, N.Y.

advised/that Healy's Grocery and Delicatorson is

advised/that Healy's Grocery and Delicatessen is owned and operated by HEALY'S GROCERY is located at 123 Katonah Ave, Katonah, N.Y. Prior to purchasing the grocery known as Healy's Grocery and Delicatessen, was a probation officer wikks in both Westchester and Putnam Counties. He enjoys an excellent reputation and is also a member of the American Legion

CREDIT: At the Westchester Credit and Collection Bureau at White Plains, N.Y. furnished the following information on February 28,1964;

They have children

age He owns his home at and is indebted to
the Empire State Savings and Loan, White Plains, N.Y. in the amount
of a \$9,000 mortgage on this home. He has owned the Healy Grocery
Store for the past four years. His wife is a former substitute
school teacher at the John Jay H.S. His present income is approximately \$13,000 per year. Prior to owning the grocery he was a
probation officer for Putnam County N.Y.

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The following Police Departments in Westchester County were contacted in connection with other matters and inquiry was made regarding the captioned organization. None of them were able to furnish any information concerning it.

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DEPT. DATE CONTACTED	INDIVIDUAL CONTACTED
Sheriff  West Co White Plains PD New Rochelle PD Yonkers P.D. Scarsdale PD North Castle PD Town of Yorktown PD Peeksill PD City of Rye PD Town of Bedford PD  2/4/64 2/4/64 2/5/64 2/18/64 2/7/64 2/10/64 2/11/64 2/11/64 2/17/64 2/18/64 2/18/64 2/19/64 2/20,28/6	Deputy Deputy Chief NA Capt NA Detective Chief James Lyons Lt NA Chief John Cregeir Chief Chas Valentine Chief Wm Donovan NA Chief Peter King Chief Chas McLaughlin NA Chief Thos Mitcheæl
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## MINUTEMEN INFORMATION CONCERNING INTERNAL SECURITY

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(3) " 1 (4) " 1 (5) " I	Bulletin on Intelligence Interrogations. Minutemen Bulletin for January, 1967. Minutemen Bulletin for Bebruary, 1967. Minutemen Bulletin for April, 1966. Leaflet entitled, "Commander". Minutemen Bulletin for December, 1965. Bulletin on "The Mac of April 1965.
(8) " E (9) " N (10) " M	Bulletin on "The Use of Ammonium Nitrate in High Explosives". Bulletin on "Directives". Minutemen Bulletin for March, 1966. Minutemen Bulletin for November. Bulletin on "Communication Techniques in a Resistance Movement"
12) " B	Sulletin on "50 Work Projects". Sulletin on "Organization and Leadership of the Minuteman Band".
(14) 6/19/68	One photo of Rec'd 9/21/67 by SA
(15) 7/11/68.	Four prints photos and one negative of aka  Rec'd 2/6/68 by SA  SEE SERIAL 1280.

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r) " 1	Trom the minutemen. Two xerox copies of envelope addressed to J.E. Hoover.
į.	by (2)
) 5/14/68.	Unaddressed envelope. Letter with letterhead captioned "Minutemen"
TE: 1B18 (3)	Picturefrom magazine. thru (5) were rec'd 4/11/68 by SA our face photos of  Rec'd 11/20/67
) " F	y SA SEE SERIAL 1126 mc
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(1)	11/7/67.	October 106	7 D. 11-14	
(2)	11/1/01	ratriotic P	7 Bulletin of the Minutemen. arty Newsletter undated,, but distributed	
NOTE	: 1B17(1)	& (2) were	rec'd 10/25/67 by SA	· b70
(3)	11/7/67.	oen copy of.	Minutemen report of NYSAG to Gov. ockefeller dated 10/18/67. See serial 1110.	
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(4) '	2/13/68.	O pages pamp Political Pl	ohlet captioned "The Patriotic Party and its Latform." Rec'd 2/1/68 by SA	•
(5)	2/26/684	Minutemen le	eaflet "This is Communism. Rec'd 2/1/68	mc
(6)	• 11	One large st	icker with American flag containing Minute-	•
(7)	18	men slogam. Three small	stickers identical with above sticker	
(8)	11	Ten stickers	"A Gun Did Not Kill KennedyA Communist	
(9)	11	Two miniatur	e fake \$10.00 bills containing Minutemen	
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(10)	4/1/68.	22 prints a	nd 5 negatives of persons attending 1341	4/12
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(2) " Copy of	let dtd 9/30/66 from b
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(6) " Newspape	r article captioned "NJ, Guard Unit May Be
'Green B	eret.' Rec'd 7/20/67 by SA
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	& SA see Albany let. to
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(4) 6/7/67. "On Targ (5) " February	et" Feb. 1967.
NOTE: 1B15(4) thru (6) (7) 6/7/67. Leaflet, (8) " April Ne (9) " National (10) " Psy-War (11) " Hand wri	ion letter from Robert De Pugh dated 1/21/67.  were rec'd 5/4/67 by SA  prepare for Attempted Gun Pick-Up Soon.  twork Members Eulletin.  Speaking Tour.  Project #32.  tten note from Director.
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(2) ************************************	Rec'd 3/6/67 by SA Raymond J. Ruckel.  See serial 778.	.b7C
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.(3)	Old Copy of "Join the Minutemen" containing the	
NOTE: 1B14(2)		,
	& (3) were received 12/20/66 by SA William F. Martin. See serial 626.	
(4) 6/7/67.	One photo of	1 <b>S</b>
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	Letter received from "Minutemen" dated 3/21/67 announcing meetings at Stamford, Conn. on 3/29/67 and	•
	Baltimore, Md. on 3/31/67. Rec'd 4/5/67 by SA	
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•	Patriotic Party "Newsletter" undated but rec'd by NY 51043R by mail on 5/8/67. Rec'd 5/15/67 by	
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(3) 4/5/67. One photograph of 811. Rec'd-3/18/67 by SA	SEE SER.
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(2) "	Patriotic	Party letter from Bob De Pugh dated
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(3) 3/9/67.	Envelope po	ostmarked 2/24/67, Sedalia which
), y . ii	contained ]	1B12(4) thru (6):
4) · " 5)   "	Special Bul	lletin re reorganization of the "Minutemen
<i>)</i>	of Bob Do I	"Newsletter dated 1/21/67 re resignation
6) "~	"Minutemen!	Pugh as National Coordinator. "January 1967 Bulletin on surveillances.
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7) 4/5/67.	Form letter	r dtd 11/28/66 from Bob De Pugh no "THE DAM"
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(1) 2/14/67. Envelope postmarked 12/27/66, Carrollton, Mo.	-
addressed to which contained	
1B11(2) & (3).	
(2) ". Minutemen letter dated 12/17/66 headed "Dear	h70
Fellow Patriots"	20.0
(3) Notice of the formation of "The New Spirit of 76"	-
Defense Committee.	
NOTE: 1811(1) thru. (3) were received 1/3/67 by SA	
NOTE: 1B11(1) thru. (3) were received 1/3/67 by SA (4) 2/14/67. Minutemen flyer entitled "How U. S. Red Underground	
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Minutemen flyer "Opinion Poll-1776-Style by Art Buchwald.	*
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(7) 3/9/67. Minutemen letter from Robert B. De Pugh, offering	
the book "Blue Print for Victory" Rec'd 4/12/66	
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(8). Form letter from Bob De Pugh announcing National	b70
Convention of Minutemen on 7/3-1/66 Rectd	
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(9) " Feb. 1967 issue of "On Target"	
(10) " Minutemen letter dated 1/21/67 announcing registration	b70
, of boo be rugh as National Coordinator of the	
"Minutemen."  NOTE: 1B11(9) & (10) were received 2/28/67 by SA	
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•	*	Letter Office.	
	(4) "	One letter headed "Communists Complain That	
-	/dv = 11	Minutemen are not Dead-Let's Prove They're Right "	•
•	(5) "	Application for membership in the Patriotic Society	•
,	(7)	One Newsletter with heading Patroitic Party.  Nov. 1966 Bulletin of Minutemen.	
	(8): $n$	Pamphlet titled "Communicator Techniques in a	
	7.	Kesistance Movement" :	
	NOTE: 1B10(1)	thru (8) were received 12/21/67 by SA	
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	(3) 2/14/0/•	Circular letter re fund raising, signed Robert B. DePugh. Rec'd 1/20/67 by SA	•
•	*	and	-
	(10)	Notice advising of special Defense Committee to hel	~
•	· .	meet legal waxpenses of members of Minutemen who	Ρ
•	- »	were recently arrested. Rec'd 1/29/67 by SA	
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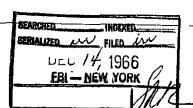
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